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October Meeting 1827.

Middlesex ss. To James Webber a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County. Greeting

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to summon & Notify the voteable inhabitants of said Town, viz every male citizen of twenty one years of age and upwards. (except paupers & persons under Guardianship) and who shall have resided within the Commonwealth one year and within said Town six calendar months. next preceding, and who shall have paid by himself, Parent, Master or Guardian, any State or County tax. which shall within two years preceding have been aſseſsed upon him in any Town or district within the Commonwealth., and also every citizen who shall be by law exempted by law from taxation but in all other respects qualified as above mentioned.

To meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of this Instant. October, at three of the Clock P. M. to act on the following articles. viz.

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2 To appoint a Committee (if they see fit.) to attend with the Commissioners of Highways, who have appointed the 29th of October Instant, to view and locate (if they think expedient) a new Highway from Elbridge Stearns house in Bedford to the Bridge over Shawsheen River, or any other rout that may be proposed, and give such instructions as they may think best.

" 3 To hear a report of the Committee appointed by the Town to make inquiry respecting the probable expence of a fire Engine. the Neceſsary apparatus for working the same, and an Engine house, and see what the Town will do in regard to the same.

" 4 To hear a report of the Committee appointed to build the Town House. and act thereon as they may think best. —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings to one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands & seal at Bedford, the 1st day of October AD 1827,

William Webber
Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell

Middlesex ss. Bedford October 8th 1827.

By virtue of the within warrant I have Notified, (by posting a copy thereof in the Meeting House, agreeably to a vote of said Town.) the voteable inhabitants, to Meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned.

James Webber. Constable

October 15th 1827

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of said Town Aſsembled and acted on the articles therein contained as follows. viz

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
Made choice of Dea Michael Crosby.

" 2 To appoint a Committee, (if they see fit.) to attend with the Commissioners of Highways, who have appointed the 29th of October Instant, to view and locate, (if they think expedient.) a new Highway, from Elbridge Stearns house in Bedford to the Bridge over Shawsheen River, or any other rout that may be proposed, and give such instructions as they may think best. —
The Town appointed William Webber, Mather Hayward, Amos Hartwell, Reuben Bacon & Joel Fitch for the purpose, and instructed them to oppose all new Highways or straightnings that are or may be petitioned for. —

" 3 To hear a report of the Committee appointed by the Town to make inquiry respecting the probable expence of a fire Engine, the Necessary apparatus, for working the same, and an Engine house, and see what the Town will do in regard to the same.
The Committee after a lengthy preamble reported, that a fire Engine and the necessary apparatus. would cost $536 .. 50. viz

Cost of the Engine with a copper tub	350 - 00	
21 prs. fire Buckets at $4. — —	84 - 00	Benjn Simonds
50 feet additional hose at $0.90	45 .. 00	Reuben Bacon
Fire hook & rope — — —	7 .. 50	Elijah Stearns
Engine House —	50 .. 00	Committee
Total as above	$536 .. 50.	

The Town voted to accept the the foregoing report provided it can be carried into effect without incurring a tax on the Town not exceeding the sum of two hundred & twenty five dollars, $225.00 and appointed the same Committee. viz Benjamin Simonds Reuben Bacon, & Elijah Stearns to procure said Engine and apparatus as soon as may be convenient, and directed them to borrow the above sum of 225$ on the credit of the Town, to defray the expence thereof, and make a further report to the Town at some future Meeting — For particulars ~~of the~~ report, reference may be had to the report, which is filed with & attached to the warrant for this Meeting.

" 4 To hear a report of the Committee appointed to build the Town House and act thereon as they may think best. —
The Committee made a report respecting the expence of said house, and expressed a dissatisfaction with a part of the Materials for and the work of said, and asked an abatement of the undertaker of the House Simeon Blodgett. for said deficiencies of the sum of $18.00 The Town did not think the report so explicit for to be recorded, as could be wished, therefore did not accept the report, which was refered back.

back to the Committee for correction, and to report to the Town. at some future Meeting. Excepting the later clause of said report respecting the disagreement between the Committee, and Simeon Blodgett. the person who undertook to build said house. as regards the materials for and work thereof: which appeared to be the sum of $18.00 The Town voted that said Committee allow and pay said Blodgett the above sum of $18.00 and also $4.00 being interest ~~due~~ on the residue of money due him agreeably to the contracts between the Committee & said Blodgett for erecting said house. Provided said Blodgett will receipt the Town in full as regards the erecting said house. and for services as Committee respecting the same.

Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk.

March Meeting 1828.

Middlesex ss. To John Bacon 2d Constable of the town of Bedford in said County greeting

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn, (by posting a copy of this warrant in the Meeting house in said Town,) all the Male Citizens of said Town, qualified by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth to vote in Town affairs, To Meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the Third day of March Next, at twelve of the Clock at noon, to act on the following articles. Viz.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
2 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year —
3 To choose all Town officers for the ensuing year —
4 To raise money for repair of Highways & Bridges the ensuing year —
5 To know in what method the Town will repair the highways and Bridges the ensuing year —
6 To know if the Town will restrain Neat cattle & Horses from going at large, on the highways & Common lands within the limits of the Town the year ensuing.
7 To know in what method the Town will collect the Taxes the year ensuing
8 To know what method the Town will take to support the Poor
9 To know if the Town will give their Committee, instructions in regard to the location of an Engine house, or do anything respecting it they may think best.
10 To know if the Town will authorise the Town Treasurer to borrow the Money voted by said Town to procure a fire Engine instead of the Committee as by a former Vote.
11 To know if the Town will do anything respecting ~~equallizing~~ equalization or distribution of the School money among the several School districts, or do anything respecting the School districts —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.
Given under our hand & seal at Bedford, the 18th of Feb. A.D. 1828

Reuben Bacon }
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen.

Middlesex ss. Feb. 23d 1828
Pursuant to the within warrant, I have Notified & warned all the Male Votable inhabitants of Bedford (by posting a copy of the within in the Meetinghouse,) as directed to Assemble at the time, place & for the purposes Within Mentioned.

John Bacon } Constable of Bedford

March 3d. 1828. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant
the inhabitants of said Town of Bedford meet and acted
on the Articles therein contained as follows viz.,

Art 1st To choose a moderator for said Meeting.
Made choice of Reuben Bacon Esq for the purpose.

2 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer the ensuing year.
being bro't in there were for John Keyes Esq of Concord 69 votes
and for Nathan Brooks Esq of Concord — — 6 —

3 To choose all Town officers for the year ensuing
Town Clerk William Webber. sworn into office —
Selectmen. William Webber
Reuben Bacon & Amos Hartwell { sworn as assessors Ex officio. and also as Selectmen.
Mdx. March 3d. 1828. then William Webber Reuben Bacon and
Amos Hartwell. Selectmen of said Town Came before me and
and made oath that they would faithfully & impartially per-
form the duties of said office respecting all Elections and the
returns thereof Thompson Bacon Just Peace
Overseers of Poor John L Merriam Esq Dea Michael Crosby
and John Bacon —
Town Treasurer. John Bacon. sworn into office —
Constables John Bacon sworn into office
James Webber
Collector Capt Joel Fitch sworn into office and is to
have $21.00 for the same, to collect the taxes in the same
manner as last year, by three instalments, except he is to
attend at a place by him appointed, from 2 to 9 O clock P. M.
to receive taxes and to give 12 days grace ~~before~~ after said times of
payments before he makes distress — doubtfull persons excepted.
Surveyors of Lumber Simeon Blodgett }
Joshua Page — — — — }
Cullers of hoops & staves Silas Dudley David Reed Jr sworn into office
Fence viewers Eliab B Lane, Roger Lane }
Cap Otis Reed. Cap Moses Abbott — — } sworn into office
Field drivers Lewis P. Gleason. Obed Pollard }
Ebenezer Hayward. Moses Page — } sworn into office
and Robert Edwards
Tythingmen Obed Pollard. Oliver W Lane. sworn into office
Sealer of weights & measures Joshua Page.
Surveyors of Highways
Eliab B. Lane John Hayward }
Joachim Hutchinson, Zeba French }
Jesse Robinson Obed Stearns. Eleazer Davis } sworn into office
Dea Michael Crosby, & James Webber }
Voted that the Selectmen attend respecting any Nuisance that
may be in the highway, if requested by any Surveyor
for consultation.

March 3. 1828 Continued

Hogreeves, Lewis P. Gleason Obed Stearns, Capt Oliver Abbot } Sworn into office
Doc Hervey D. Preston, John W. Hayward
and John Simonds.—

Art 4 To raise Money to repair the highways the ensuing year

~~5~~ Voted the Sum of $500. to be expended in the ordinary way

5 To know in what method the Town will repair the highways and Bridges the ensuing year. Voted the above Sum same as last year and Voted the Sum of $100, to be laid out on the Center Road as occasion may require, and appointed Joseph Brown for this purpose and also Dea John Merriam Esq Michael Crosley & Joseph Brown to view the Bridge at Bladgetts Mills, respecting rebuilding the same & report to the Town at April Meeting

6 To know if the Town will restrain Neat cattle & horses from going at large on the highway & Common lands, within the limits of the Town the ensuing year, Voted in the affirmative.—

7 to know in what method the Town will collect the taxes the ensuing year, see the mode under Collector—

8. To know what method the Town will take to support the Poor— Voted to leave it to the discretion of the Overseers of Poor—

9 To know if the Town will give their Committee instructions in regard to the location of an Engine house, or do anything respecting it they may think best, the Town appointed a Committee to locate said house, viz. Benjamin Simonds Elijah Stearns, Reuben Bacon Thompson Bacon Esq Dea Michael Crosley, John Merriam Esq. Mather Hayward & Oliver W Lane.——

10 To know if the Town will Authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow the money voted by the Town to procure a Fire Engine instead of the Committee as by a former vote, Voted in the affirmative —

11 To know if the Town will do anything respecting Equalization or distribution of the School money among the several School districts or do anything respecting the School districts—— The Town appointed a Committee to take the subject in consideration and report to the Town at Next April Meeting, viz Thompson Bacon Esq Capt Elijah Shelton John Merriam Esq Mather Hayward and Capt Joel Fitch—

Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk

March 24th 1828 Rec.d of Abner Hartwell the proceeds of the Sale of Miss Wheelers Estate as sold at Auction, amounting to $43.53, Appropriated as follows, viz

Paid	at Auction 1.33 – Reuben Bacon for assistance 1.00 —	2 33
	Jesse Robinson for diging Grave &c	2 00
	Doc Howe for Medical aide in her sickness	7 25
	John Bacon Town Treasurer	20 00
	Said Hartwell own time for collecting &c.	1 25
	Paid Abner Wheeler for support of said pauper	10 70
		$43 53

April Meeting 1828

Seal. Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County Greeting

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn (by posting a copy of this warrant in the Meeting house in said Town) all the male citizens of said Town qualified by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth to vote for Representatives in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the Seventh day of April next at one of the Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz

Art 1st To give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieu. Governor for said Commonwealth, and also for five Senators & Counsellors for the Middlesex district. —

2 Pursuant to a Resolve of the Legislature passed March 8th 1828. for ascertaining the sense of the inhabitants of the several towns in the Counties of Worcester & Middlesex for a New County, as prayed for in the Petition of Jonas Jewett & others, by giving in their yeas & nays by ballot. Viz Shall a New County be formed of the towns of Royalston, Winchendon, Athol, Templeton, Gardner Westminster, Ashburnham, Fitchburgh, Leominster, Lunenburgh, Princeton, Hubbardston Phillipston, Lancaster, Bolton, and Harvard from the County of Worcester, and the towns of Groton Shirley, Pepperill, Ashby, & Townsend from the County of Middlesex

3 To choose a Moderator for transaction of Town affairs

4 To raise Money for support of Schools & appoint a School Committee for the ensuing year.

5 To appoint Trustees for the Page & Hartwell Fund the present year

6 To know if the Town will direct the Assessors to take an invoice of personal Estate for the purpose of taxation the present year—

7 To hear, & act on reports of Committees viz, the one respecting the distribution of School Money, & School districts also the one respecting the Bridge Near Simeon Blodgetts Mills.

8 To know if the Town will choose one or more Firewards for the ensuing year.

9 By request of Capt Joel Fitch to know if the Town will repair the Old causeway or Meeting Road so called, or do any thing respecting it

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting

Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this 21st day of March 1828.

William Webber } Selectmen
Reuben Bacon. }

Middlesex ss. March 2d. 1828. Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified & warned the Male votable inhabitants of Bedford by posting a copy of the within in the Meeting house as directed to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned

John Bacon } Constable of Bedford

April 7th 1828.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant. the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Met and acted on the Articles therein contained as follows viz Art. 1. bringing in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor & Senators and Councillors, & there were for. Governor.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln of Worcester - - - - 76. votes
Hon Marcus Morton of Taunton - - - - - - 2. votes
For Lieut Governor.
Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop of Boston - - 74 votes
" Nathan Willis of Pittsfield - - - - - 1 vote
For Senators & Councillors
Hon. John Keyes of Concord - - - - 74 votes
" Benjamin F. Varnum of Dracut - - 78 votes
" Luke Fiske of Waltham - - 77 votes
" William C. Jarvis of Woburn - - 78 votes
James Lewis Esq of Pepperell - - 79 votes
Thomas J. Goodwin Esq of Charlestown - - - - 1 vote
" Timothy Fuller of Cambridge - - - 1 vote
" Samuel Hoar Jr of Concord - - - 2. votes
William Hilliard Esq of Cambridge - - 1 vote
Daniel Richardson Jr Esq of Tyngsboro - - 1. vote

2 Respecting forming ~~forming~~ a New County of the several Towns mentioned in the foregoing warrant, the votes by ballot being given in. there were Nays fifty seven. - 57.
Yeas - One 1

3. ~~To choose~~ a
To choose a Moderator, for transaction of Town affairs
Reuben Bacon Esq was chosen for the purpose

4 To raise Money for the Support of Schools & appoint a School Committee for the Ensuing year
The Town voted the Sum of $450.00, and appointed Rev. Samuel Stearns Chairman. Doc [illegible] & [illegible] Webber, John Merriam Esq, Eleazer Davis & Oliver W. Lane. School Committee.-

5 To appoint Trustees of the Page & Hartwell Fund the present year. Appointed William Webber. Dea Michael Crosby & Master Hayward;

6. To know if the Town will direct the Assessors to take an invoice of personal Estate for the purpose of taxation. Voted in Affirmative.

7 To hear and act on reports of Committees viz. Respecting the distribution of school money & school districts. also respecting the Bridge Near Simeon Blodgetts Mills,,

The Committee respecting Schools reported that is inexpedient to take any measures on the subject at this time. R. Bacon pr order.
Accepted.

The Committee respecting the Bridge near Blodgetts Mills Reported. asking a further time to view said Bridge. and to ~~ij~~ report at next May Meeting. Michael Crosby pr order
Accepted

April 7th 1828. Continued

8th To know if the town will appoint Firewards. voted in the Affirmative, and appointed William Hannaford, Capt Timothy Page, Cap Edward Flint, Benjamin Simonds and Reuben Bacon Jr

9 By request of Capt Joel Fitch to know if the town will repair the old causeway, or Neck Mead, or do any thing respecting it. The town voted the Surveyor of highways in North part of said town, be directed to expend in labour five dollars out of his bill on said Mead.

Recorded by William Hibbert Town Clerk,

Appointment of Enginemen

By virtue of the Statutes of 1785 C. 72 & 1805 C. 82

We the subscribers, have Nominated and Appointed, and do hereby Nominate and appoint the following persons to be Enginemen, viz. John Simonds, Elbridge Bacon, John Prescot, Daniel Clark, Phinehas W Chamberlain, Charles Spaulding, William Everett, Eldridge Meriam, Abner B. Lane, Hiram R Meriam, Joseph B Wright, Samuel Reed, George Simonds, Edward Flint 2d, Timothy Page Jr, Charles O. Gragg, Larkin P. Page, & Isaac Hartwell.

And they are to be attached to Engine No. 1 within the Town of Bedford, and to continue in said office, during the Pleasure of the Selectmen,
Given under our hands at said Bedford the twenty first day of April A.D. 1828.

William Webber
Reuben Bacon } Selectmen,
Amos Hartwell

By virtue of the Statutes of 1782. C 72 & 1805 C 82
We the subscribers have Nominated and appointed, and do hereby Nominate and appoint the following persons to be Enginemen, within the town of Bedford. Viz William Everett, John Simonds, Edward Flint, Phinehas W. Chamberlain, Isaac Hartwell, Samuel Reed, John A Meriam, Eldridge Meriam, Daniel Clark, Abner B Lane, Willard Wilson Oliver A Wilson George W Sloan, George Simonds Joseph B Wright, Larkin P. Page, Elbridge Bacon & Charles Spaulding, and July 1st John Fitch was appointed.

and they are to be attached to Engine No. 1 within the town of Bedford, and to continue in said office during the pleasure of the Selectmen.
Given under our hands at said Bedford the twentieth day of April A.D. 1829.

William Webber
Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell

May Meeting 1828.

Seal | Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County, Greeting.
You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Notify & warn, (by posting a copy of this warrant in the Meeting house in said Town,) all the Male citizens of said Town, qualified by the Constitution & Laws of the Commonwealth, to vote in the choice of Representatives and in Town affairs, to Meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the fifth day of May next, at two of the Clock P.M. to consider and act on the following articles. Viz.

Art 1st. To bring in their votes for a Representative, to represent them in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to be convened and holden at Boston on the last wednesday of May next.

2 To choose a Moderator for the transaction of Town affairs.

3. To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town, the ensuing year

4 To know in what method the Town will procure the firewood for the Rev. Samuel Stearns, the present year—

5 To know if the Town will appoint a Committee to examine the expenses of the Town, the ensuing year—

6. To appoint a Committee to expend, that part of the Page and Hartwell fund arising from the interest for the use of Sacred music.—

7 To know if the Town will cause the Bell to be rung at 9 o'clock at Evening

8 To know if the Town will raise money to defray the expense of building the Center School house & Town Hall, or any part ~~there~~ of the same, or do any thing respecting it.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting.
Given under our hands & Seal at Bedford this 21. day of April. 1828.

William Webber }
Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell }

Middlesex ss April 26th. 1828.
In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the rateable inhabitants of Bedford, by posting a copy of the within warrant in the Meeting house as directed, to assemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned.

John Bacon Constable of Bedford

May Meeting 1828.

1828 May 5th Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants
Meet and acted on the Articles therein contained as follows. viz;
Art 1st To bring in their votes for a Representative to the general Court the
ensuing year. the votes being brought in sorted & counted. it appears
that William Webber was chosen. —

2 To choose a Moderator for the transaction of Town affairs
Made choice of John Meriam for that purpose —

3 To raise money to defray the Ordinary charges of the Town, the ensuing year
the Town voted the sum of $575. for the above purpose —

4 To know in what method the Town will procure the fire wood
for the Rev. Samuel Stearns the present year
the Town voted the same made as usual, and appointed William
Webber Reuben Bacon & Amos Hartwell a Committee for the object.

5 To know if the Town will appoint a Committee to examine the
expences of the Town the ensuing year. voted in the affirmative
and made choice of John Meriam Esq. Dea. Richard Crosby & Elijah
Stearns Esq the Committee —

6 To appoint a Committee to expend that part of the Page & Hartwell
fund arising from the interest for the use of sacred music —
Reuben Bacon Esq. David Reed jr. & Gustavus Hosmer, Committee

7 To know if the Town will cause the Bell to be rung at 9 oclock in evening
voted in the affirmative.

8 To know if the Town will raise money to defray the expence of
building the Centre School house & Town Hall, or any part of the
same, or do any thing respecting it. voted to raise the sum of
$500.00 not to be appropriated to any other use —

Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk —

The Selectmen appointed John Bacon to be Pound Keeper. sworn into office
Jesse Robinson Sexton —
Thomas Hurd weigher of Hay sworn into office
Thomas Hurd measurer of wood &c sworn into office
also Stephen Hooker measurer of wood
and they are to receive 6¼ cents pr load so measured.
They also let out the ringing the Bell as usual. and at 12 Oclock
at noon and 9 oclock at evening sweeping Meeting house. and
care of the Town Clock & Town Hall to George Wilson for one
year. for the sum of ~~[illegible]~~ $41.62.
They also let out the use of the Cellar under the Meeting house
for two years, to Benjamin F. Webber. for $1.90. pr year.

1828 Expense of Painting & Repairing Meeting house.

As exhibited by William Everett who was appointed a Committee for that purpose. Viz.

His own bill for time, Stock, assistance &c as pr bill	20	77
Paid Joshua Page for Lattice Blinds &c &c as pr receipt —	60	59
" Delano & Whitney for Paints Oil &c. pr receipt —	192	76
" Nathaniel Black & others for Painting &c. pr bill ·	117	50
" Thomas Hond for Carting Paints &c. pr bill -	6	63
" Mears Hayward & Co. for Nails cord &c as pr bill	3	38
" Marshall Cutler for work on Meeting house pr do	2	25
" Reuben Bacon for Glass for Meeting house —	2	32
" John Bacon for ~~to~~ Cash paid as ~~do~~ interest.	1	50
" John Bacon for Glass for meeting house —	3	48
	411	18

Received Payment. William Everett

The foregoing sum was paid out of the funds obtained from the sale of the Pews in the Meeting house.— And all the above items were correctly vouched by the said William Everett before the Selectmen and Auditing Committee.— for the time being.—

Expence of Center School & Town House. —

1828 May 5th — The Committee appointed to build a School House & Town Hall in the Center of the town ask leave to report viz.

	$	
Paid for the first contract with Simeon Blodgett to build s^d House	995	00
To said Blodgett for lengthening the house 4 feet	100	00
To said Blodgett for Cupalo	95	00
To Robert Walcott for laying rough stone	34	00
To Charles Blood for hammered stone	45	62
To Matthew McFee for brick	344	50
Paid for Shingles	43	72
Paid for Lime	50	80
Paid for teaming twenty cask lime	8	40
Paid Elijah Bacon for teaming hammered stone	9	38
To Francis Wilson for laying underpinning & Door steps	43	46
To Elijah Vose for stove	22	00
To Andrew Carr for Vane & ball	14	00
To do. for stove funnell & large ball	28	36
Paid for teaming sand	6	50
To Elijah Stearns for Paint and oil	17	00
To Simeon Blodgett for services Committee	25	98
To Painting out side and in the Hall	33	62
To Simeon Blodgett for Extra seat, Covering arch, door &c.	19	50
To William Page for services inspecting the work	2	50
To Simeon Blodgett for covering Brick &c.	11	40
To Capt Otis Reed for teaming Stone &c.	8	00
To John Meriam for levelling Common & services as Committee	28	65
To Moses Hayward & Co for Groceries	6	12
To Peter Farmer for laying Stone	2	33
To Eldridge Meriam for levelling Common	7	91
To Roger Lane for do.	10	00
Simeon Stearns for do. & services as Committee	18	14
To Michael Crosby for labour & Cash Paid	23	80
To do. for cash paid sundry persons for labour	3	60
To Joseph Locke for advice	2	00
Joshua Page for time spent as Committee & Labour &c.	51	14
Teaming 60 M Brick & 12 Casks Lime	106	42
Allowed Francis Wilson for Extra work	2	00
	$ 2216	43

Joshua Page
Michael Crosby } Committee.
John Meriam

May 5th 1828 Accepted by the Town. —

November Meeting 1828.

L. S. Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County. Greeting.

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Notify and warn (by posting a copy of this warrant in the Meeting house in said town,) all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law & the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives in said Commonwealth, to Meet in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the third day of November next at one of the clock P.M. to act on the following articles. Viz.

Art 1st To give in their votes for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States, viz. two at large & one for each Congressional district within the Commonwealth, all on one card or ticket and against the Name of each person on every such ticket designate the district to which he belongs.

2 To give in their Votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States, for the Middlesex district.

3. To choose a Moderator for the transaction of town affairs.

4 Upon the request of Elijah Stearns &c. To know if the town will accept of the wall on the South side of the Road from Mr. Dudley's shop to Leander Hosmer's, as the line of the Road, or do any thing respecting the same.

5 Upon the request of Luther Hayward & others. To know if the Town will alter the Situation of the School House in the west School district or do any thing respecting the location of the same, or make any alteration in any of the Schools districts within the town.

6 Upon the request of Reuben Bacon to know if the town will let him inclose a small corner of the Common where his fence now stands, during the pleasure of the Town.

Hereof fail not and make return of your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting.
Given under our hand & seal at Bedford the 20th day of Oct. 1828.

William Webber } Selectmen of
Reuben Bacon } Bedford.

Middlesex ss. Oct. 25th 1828 In Obedience to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the Votable inhabitants of Bedford by posting a copy of the within in the Meeting-House as directed to assemble at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

John Bacon Constable of Bedford

November 3d. 1828

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants met and voted on the articles therein contained as follows, viz.

Art 1 To give in their votes for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States viz

For Electors at Large.

	Hon Thomas L Winthrop of Boston	68.	Votes
	" Samuel Lathrop of W. Springfield	68	"
	" Nathan Willis of Pittsfield	9	"
	" David Henshaw of Boston	9	"

For districts

Suffolk	John K. Simpson of Boston	9	"
	Jesse Putnam of Boston	63	"
Essex South	Hon Stephen White of Salem	63	"
	" Josiah Newhall of Lynnfield	9	"
Essex North.	" Bailey Bartlett of Haverhill	62	"
	" Jeremiah Nelson of Newburyport	1	"
	John Russ Esq of Methuen	9	"
Middlesex	" Nathan Chandler of Lexington	63	"
	" William Austin of Charlestown	9	"
Worcester South	Gen. Jonathan Davis of Oxford	63	"
	" Jonas Sibley of Sutton	9	"
Worcester North	" Silas Holman of Bolton	63	"
	William Willard of Lancaster	9	"
Franklin	Col. Eliel Gilbert of Greenfield	63	"
	John Drury Esq of Coleraine	9	"
Hamden	" Joshua Frost of Springfield	63	"
	Joseph M. Forward of Southwick	9	"
Berkshire	Samuel Jones Esq of Stockbridge	63	"
	" Phineas Allen of Pittsfield	9	"
Norfolk	" Edward H Robbins of Milton	63	"
	" Ebenezer Seaver of Roxbury	9	"
Plymouth	" Seth Sprague of Duxbury	63	"
	" Peter H Peirce of Middleborough	9	"
Bristol	" Oliver Starkweather of Pawtucket	63	"
	Elihu Daggett of Attleboro.	9	"
Barnstable	" Braddock Dimmick of Falmouth	63	"
	John P Norton of Tisbury	9	"

2d Representative to Congress, made choice of

Hon Edward Everett of Charlestown by	40	Votes
" Luke Fiske of Waltham by	28	"
" Samuel Hoar of Concord — by	1	"

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Art 3. John Merriam chosen Moderator

4 Upon the request of Elijah Stearns Esq to know if the Town will accept of the wall on the South Side of the road from Mr Dudley's Shop to Leander Worcester as the line of the road, or do any thing respecting the same. Voted that the Selectmen view said wall or line and report their oppinion to the town at next March Meeting, to which time the Article is refered.

5 Upon request of Asher Hayward & others, to know if the town will alter the situation of the School house in the west school district or do any thing respecting the location of the same, or make any alteration in any of the school districts within the town. The town appointed Thompson Bacon Esq, William Webber, Dea James Hartwell, Ebenezer Davis Esq, Capt Joel Fitch a Committee to take the subject into consideration and report their oppinion to the town at next March Meeting, to which time the subject is refered

6 Upon the request of Reuben Bacon to know if the town will let him in close a small corner of the Common where his fence now stands, during the pleasure of the town. Voted to grant said Bacon's request.

Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk.

Ent Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County Greeting.

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn (in the usual way) all the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the second day of March Next, at twelve O.clock at noon. to act on the following Articles. Viz.

Art 1 To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
2 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer, for the ensuing year
3 To choose all town officers for the year ensuing.—
4 To raise money for the repair of the highways & Bridges, the year ensuing.
5 To know in what method the Town will repair the highways and Bridges the year ensuing.
6 To know if the Town will restrain Neat cattle & horses from going at large on the highways and Common lands, within the limits of the Town, the ensuing year.—
7 To know in what method the Town will collect the taxes the year ensuing.
8 To know what method the Town will take to support the poor the ensuing year—
9 To hear and act on report of Committee appointed at last Nov. Meeting, respecting west district School house, also of Committee on road from Mr. Dudley's shop to Leander Hosmer's.—
10 Upon the request of James Vila and others, to know if the Town will widen and straighten the road in sandy place, between the corner turning to the left Next beyond Capt. Joel Fitch's house and Mr. Uriah Goodwin's house, or do any thing respecting the same.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen, by the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Bedford this sixteenth day of Feb. AD. 1829,

William Webber
Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen

Middlesex ss. Feb. 21st 1819. Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the Voteable inhabitants of said Bedford by posting a copy of the within in the Meeting house, to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned

John Bacon Const. of Bedford.

March Meeting 1829.

March 2^d. 1829 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said town assembled and acted on the articles therein contained as follows viz

Art 1. to choose a Moderator for said Meeting
Made choice of Reuben Bacon for that purpose.

2. to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year. the votes being brought in, counted and counted there were for John Keyes of Concord Sixty one votes $^{61.}$

3 to choose all town officers for the ensuing year.
Town Clerk William Webber, sworn into office
Selectmen W^m Webber Reuben Bacon & Amos Hartwell and appointed Assessors ex officio, sworn into office
Overseers of Poor John Merriam Esq^r Dea Michael Crosby & John Bacon.—
Town Treasurer John Bacon sworn into office.
Constables, John Bacon & John W Hayward sworn into office
Collector John W^m Hayward, sworn into office, to collect the taxes in the same manner as the last year in all respects and to give bonds for the faithfull discharge of said trust to the satisfaction of the Selectmen & is to have 2½ per cent & is to attend to receive taxes on the several days from 2 to 8. O clock P.M.
Surveyors of Lumber Simeon Blodgett & Joshua Page sworn into office
Cullers of hoops & Staves Silas Dudley sworn into office
David Reed Jr
Fence viewers Otis Reed Larkin B Page Nathaniel Page & Dea Michael Crosby, all sworn into office
Field drivers Oliver W Lane John W Hayward Elbridge H Stearns John Simonds & Francis R Goodridge, all sworn into office
Surveyors of Highways, Cap^t Timothy Page. Cap^t Joel Fitch Franklin Stearns, Cap^t Abel Green Joseph Brown, Benjamin F Hartwell Cap^t John Reed & Cap^t Elijah Skilton all sworn into office.
Tythingmen Oliver W Lane, Obed Pollard sworn into office
Hog reeves Joshua Page. Edward Merrett. Ebenezer Hayward × Abner B Lane × Charles Stearns John Simonds George Dutton. Benj^n F Hartwell. Thomas Cutler × Franklin Stearns. N B those with × affixed to their names are qualified

4 To raise money to repair the Highways and Bridges the ensuing year
5 to know in what method the Town will repair the high ways and Bridges the year ensuing.
The Town referred the above 4^th & 5^th articles to a Committee to report the sum necessary for the repair of Roads &c. and the mode of repairing the same viz ~~Jo~~ and report to the Town at next April Meeting Comt^t John Merriam Esq^r. Dea Michael Crosby Capt Joel Fitch, Mather Hayward, Elijah Stearns Esq^r

Joseph Brown & Eliab B. Lane. also refered the appointment of a Surveyor of highways to said April meeting for the East district

Art 6 To know if the Town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at Large on the highways and Common land within the Limits of the Town the ensuing year. Voted in the affirmative.

7 To know in what manner the Town will collect the taxes the year ensuing. Voted the same as last year. —

8 To know what method the Town will take to support the Poor the ensuing year. Voted to leave it at the discretion of the Overseers of Poor. —

9 To hear and act on the report of a Committee appointed at last Nov. Meeting respecting the west School house, the Committee ~~some ames~~ reported that Silas Dudley E. Stuart heirs of Porter and Lane A Preston Wm Everett Saml Sage Eliab B Lane D Rice & Capt M. Abbott be set of from the Center district to the west ~~and that Mather~~ Hayward School tax be abated, T. Bacon Chairman
The Town voted not to accept the report. —
also the report of the Selectmen who were appointed on the request of E. Stearns &c to know if the Town will accept of the wall on the south side of the Road from S. Dudleys Shop to Leander Holmes corner, as the line of the Road, or do any thing respecting the same
the Selectmen recommended that the Town accept the same as the line, the Town voted not to accept said report —

10 Upon James Vila and others to know if the Town will widen and straighten the Road in sundry places between the corner turning to the left beyond Capt Joel Fletcher house & Mr Uriah Goodwins house, or do any thing respecting the same —
The Town voted to refer the subject to the Committee who have under consideration the 4 & 5th articles in this warrant and report to the Town at next April meeting

Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk.

April Meeting 1829.

[L S] Middlesex ss. To John W. Hayward, a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County. Greeting

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to warn the freeholders & other inhabitants qualified by law to vote for Representatives, (in the usual way) to Meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the sixth day of April next, at one O'clock P. M. to act on the following Articles, viz.

Art 1st. To give in their votes to the Selectmen, for a Governor and Lieut. Governor for said Commonwealth, and also for five Senators & Counsellors for the Middlesex district.

2 To choose a moderator for the transaction of Town affairs.

3 To raise money for the support of Schools, and appoint a School Committee for the ensuing year. - - - -

4 To appoint trustees for the Page & Hartwell fund the present year.

5 To know if the Town will direct the Assessors to take an invoice of personal Estate, for the purpose of taxation the present year.

6 To hear and act on the report of a Committee to whom were referred the 4th. 5th. & 10th articles in the warrant for last March Meeting, viz. to raise Money for the repair of Highways & Bridges also the mode for repairing the same, also the removal of snow from the Roads, and also upon the request of James Vila & others respecting widening the Road near Uriah Goodwin's house.

7 To know if the Town will form the School districts anew or to do any thing respecting the same or make any alteration in the distribution of money raised for Support of Schools

8 To know if the Town will direct their Assessors to make any alteration in the Valuation of Real Estates, or do any thing respecting the same.

9 By request of sundry inhabitants to know if the Town will make any arrangements for warming the Meeting house or do any thing respecting the same.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen before the time of said Meeting.
Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this 23 of March A. D. 1829.

William Webber
Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell

Bedford March 23 1829 Agreeable to the within warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of this Town by posting a copy of the within warrant on the meeting house as therein directed

John W. Hayward Constable.

April Meeting 1829.

April 8th Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford assembled and acted on the articles therein contained as follows. viz;

Art 1 To give in their votes for Governor Lt. Governor and Senators &c.

For Governor Levi Lincoln of Worcester	74	votes
For Lieut Governor Thomas L. Winthrop of Boston	69	"
For Senators, Benjamin F. Varnum of Dracut	66	"
James Lewis of Pepperell	66	"
Charles Train of Framingham	61	"
William Parmenter of Cambridge	8	"
Thomas J Goodwin of Charlestown	62	"
& Francis Winship of Brighton	60	"

2 To choose a moderator for the transaction of town affairs made choice of Reuben Bacon for that purpose.

3 To raise money for support of Schools and appoint a School Committee for the ensuing year. Voted 450$ for the purpose Committee Rev Samuel Stearns Elijah Stearns Esq Capt Timothy Page. Dea Michael Crosby, Obed Stearns Rev Caleb Blake and George Fiske,

4 To appoint trustees for the Page & Hartwell fund the present year, William Webber Dea Michael Crosby and Mather Hayward were appointed for that purpose. —

5 To know if the Town will direct the Assessors to take an inventory of personal estate for the purpose of Taxation the present year Voted in the affirmative.

6 To hear the report of a Committee. Which report follows. viz;
The Committee that were appointed at the last Town meeting to take into consideration the subjects of repairing Roads and Bridges, being the 2d & 3d articles of said warrant, have attended that service and ask leave to report.
That they recommend to the town to raise the sum of five hundred dollars $500 to be laid out in labor as usual, and one hundred & twenty five dollars $125 to be paid in money to be expended by agents, who are to lay out eighty five dollars on the road from Carlisle Bridge to Lexington line and forty dollars from the guide board near Jos. Prestons to Billerica line on the new road, also that the several surveyors be instructed to call out such persons as they may think best (if necessary) to remove snow and give credit therefor, towards the next years highway tax also upon the request of James Vila & others to straighten the road from the great road to Uriah Goodwins house we recommend that the town pay for the land whenever the petitioners will remove the walls to the satisfaction of the land holders under the direction of the Selectmen, John Merriam pr order.
The town accepted the foregoing report.

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the Town voted to appoint another Surveyor on the road from Carlisle Bridge to Lexington line, and made choice of Elijah B. Lane, to said office also appointed a Surveyor in the East district, which was refused at annual meeting to this to wit, Benjamin F. [illegible] to said office also appointed agents agreeably to the foregoing report of which John [illegible] was chairman viz Joseph Brown and Capt Oliver R. Abbott also appointed Deac Michael Crosby as agents to superintend the repairing the bridge by Simeon Blodgetts Mills, either with wood or stone as they may think best

7 To know ~~of the town~~ if the town will form the School districts anew, or do any thing respecting the same or make any alteration in the distribution of the money raised for support of Schools. the Town appointed Thompson Bacon Esq, Elijah Stearns, David Rice, Capt. Elijah Shelton, Simeon Blodgett, Deacon Amos Wadwell, Abel Stearns, Capt John [illegible], William [illegible], Capt Joel Fitch and Capt. Oliver R. Abbott, to take the subject into consideration and report to the Town at next year meeting

8 To know if the town will direct the assessors to make any alteration in the valuation of of Real Estate, or do any thing respecting the same. voted that the assessors [illegible] further as they think is just and an alteration [illegible]

9 By request of sundry inhabitants to know if the town will make an arrangement for warming the meeting house or do any thing respecting the same. voted in the negative.

Recorded by William [illegible] Town Clerk

May Meeting 1829

[L. S.] Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County Greeting

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Notify and warn (in the usual way,) all the Male citizens of said Town qualified by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth to vote in the choice of Representatives, to Meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the fourth day of May next at one O'clock P.M. to consider and act on the following articles. Viz.

Art 1 To give in their votes for a Representative in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to be convened & holden at Boston on the last wednesday of May next.

2 To choose a Moderator for the transaction of Town affairs.

3 To raise Money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.

4 To raise money to pay the Rev. Saml. Stearns Salary the present year.

5 To appoint a Committee to Audit the Town accounts the ensuing year

6 To appoint a Committee to expend the donations by the Pages and Hartwell fund, or wills to teach sacred Music the ensuing year.

7 To know if the Town will cause the Bell to be rung at 9 o'clock evening

8 To know if the Town will raise any money to pay any part or the whole of the expense of building of the Town Hall, remaining unpaid

9 To know if the Town will pay a bounty on Crows heads the ensuing year

10 To know if the Town will allow Sundry individuals to place stoves in the Meeting house and make suitable alterations to receive them, under the direction of the Selectmen, at their own expence

11 to hear and act on a report of a Committee appointed at last April Meeting to take the subject of School districts and the distribution of School money into consideration and act thereon.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting. —

Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this 20th day of April A.D. 1829

William Webber } Selectmen
Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell

Middlesex ss. April 25th 1829. In obedience to the within warrant. I have Notified & warned all the Male inhabitants of said town by posting a copy of the within in the Meeting house to assemble at the time, place & for the purpose within mentioned John Bacon Constable of Bedford.

May Meeting 1829.

1829. May 4th Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabi-
tants of the town of Bedford, assembled and acted on the
Articles therein contained, as follows, viz;
Art 1st To choose a Representative to the General Court the present
year; the votes being brot in sorted & counted it appeared
that William Webber was chosen, by an unanimous vote.
2. To choose a Moderator for the transaction of town affairs
the town made choice of John Merriam Esqr for that purpose.
3 to raise Money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the
ensuing year voted the sum of $700..00
4 To raise Money to pay Rev. Saml. Stearns Salary the present
year. Voted the sum of $588..16.
5 To appoint a Committee to audit the town accounts the
ensuing year; made choice of John Merriam Esqr Dea Michael
Crosby & Thompson Bacon Esqr. for that purpose.
6 To choose a Committee to expend the ~~[illegible]~~ donations of the
Page & Hartwells wills to teach sacred Music, the ensuing
year, appointed Lewis P. Gleason Albert Bacon and
Reuben Bacon Esqr for the purpose.
7 To know if the town will cause the bell to be rung at 9 of the
Clock at evening. Voted in the affirmative, also at noon.
8 To know if the Town will raise any money to pay a part or
the whole of the expence of building the town Hall, remain-
ing unpaid Voted to raise the sum of $200.00, for the purpose
9 To know if the town will pay a bounty on Crows heads the
year ensuing. Voted to pay 20 cents for old and 10 cents for
young Crows heads caught & killed within the limits of
the town.
10 To know if the town will allow sundry individuals to
place a Stove in the Meeting house and make suitable alter-
ations to receive the same, under the direction of the
Selectmen, at their own expence, Voted in the Negative.
11 To hear and act on a report of a Committee appointed at
last April Meeting, to take the subject of school districts
and the distribution of school money into consideration
and act thereon.
the Committee reported that it is their opinion that it would
be for the interest of the town, to take from the Center district
the house of Jeremiah Fitch, occupied by Capt Timothy Page
and all the houses west thereof, belonging to said district
and annex them to the west district, & also to annex the
house of Capt David Reed to the East district, and to
distribute the money for support of schools as follows,
to the Center district $75.00 to the west district 95.00 to the
North district 86.00, to the East district 94..00 and

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and to the South district 80..00 all which is Humbly submitted. Pr order Thompson Bacon
The Town Voted not to accept of any part of said report and dismissed the article
The Town directed the Town Treasurer to collect all the debts due the Town and dispose of said money in paying the debts the town owes as far as it goes, in concurrence with the Selectmen,

Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk.

1829 May 4th The Committee appointed by this Town to procure a

Fire Establishment for the use of the Town, respectfully ask leave to report, that they have accomplished the business committed to their trust. A Schedule of the items of expense incurred in procuring the Engine & Apparatus is hereto annexed, and vouchers for it have been deposited with the Selectmen. Nineteen Shares have been sold at $15.00 each which have produced $285.00. This added to the sum of $225.00 voted by the Town for this purpose makes a total of $510.00 received by the Committee. The whole amount of expenditure on this subject is $482.32 leaving a ballance of $27.68 which has been transmitted to the Town Treasurer. ~~Two~~ two Shares yet remain unsold the charge of which now devolves on the Selectmen.

Your Committee recommend the authorizing of the board of Fire wards of a future year to procure wands or such other Insigne of their office as shall be adequate to the purpose, and to draw on the Treasurer of the Town to defray the expence. Certificates of Shares of the form hereto annexed have been issued by the Committee to the proprietors, viz.

$ 15 Received of fifteen dollars in full for one Share No. in the fire Engine & apparatus procured by this Town, which pursuant to a vote of the Town of Octr 15th A.D. 1828, entitles the bearer in future, provided he be deemed eligible, to a preference in the appointment of engine men.

Bedford May 4th 1829. Benjamin Simonds
Elijah Stearns
Reuben Bacon
} Committee

Schedule of the particular items of expence incurred by the Committee in procuring a fire establishment for the use of the Town, viz.

Stephen Thayers Bill of the Engine and sundry appendages	289..21
Do. Do.	38..20
John Simonds for Stable which was exchanged with Asa Mead for the one now used for the Engine house.	20..00
Joshua Page for fitting said Stable for use as an Engine house	17..51
Charles W. Dummett for 6 fire buckets	27..00
Asa Mead for boot between Stables	10..00
Baker & Thornton for painting fire buckets	3..00

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William Everett for harneſs for engine and Oil for the Hall	5 " 25
Benjamin Simonds for special service as a sub. Committee in making enquiries respecting the efficiency of the Engines produced by the different Manufacturers in Boston & vicinity and in settling the terms of the contract with Mr. Thayer, a special journey & 2 days stay in Boston on expense in accomplishing this object	5 " 76
Reuben Bacon for sundries of E Stearns for the use of the engine — — — — — —	0 " 92
Charles Gragg for additional work on the engine house — — — — —	5 " 31
Do. Do.	0 " 37
William Everett for painting the Sign and other work on the engine — —	3 " 25
Larkin B. Page for transporting Engine from Boston	2 " 00
Thomas Hind for shafts & bolts for the Engine	3 " 00
Reuben Bacon for sundry services as Committee & Horse & Carriage to Lincoln	3 " 54
Elijah Stearns for service as Committee	3 " 00
Benjamin Simonds, for general service as Committee	5 " 00
	$ 482 " 32

Account exhibited by Reuben Bacon

of the Amount of Sundry articles of personal estate of Wid. Lydia Bowers & Mrs. Roy &c. as sold at auction Dec 1825.	34 84
paid sundry bills for their support and funeral charges	23 26
discharged by Cash paid Town Treasurer	11 58

Viz Page 342 John Bacon stands charg^d with amt.

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Warrant for March Meeting 1830

Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of
Bedford in said County Greeting

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn (by posting a copy of this warrant in the Meeting house in said Town) all the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified by the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, to vote in Town affairs to Meet at the Town Hall in said Town on monday the first day of March next at twelve O. Clock at noon, to act on the following articles Viz

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2nd To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer the ensuing year
3d To choose all Town officers for the year ensuing
4th To raise Money for the repair of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year
5th To Know in what method the Town will repair the highways & Bridges the ensuing year
6th To know if the Town will restrain neat cattle and horses from going at large on the Highways and common lands within the Town the ensuing year
7th To Know in what method the Town will collect the taxes the ensuing year
8th To know what Method the Town will take to support the Poor the ensuing year.
9th To know if the Town will make any alteration in the distribution of school Money, or alter school districts, or do any thing relating to schools

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands & seal at Bedford aforesaid this fifteenth day of February 1830

William Webber
Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell

Middlesex ss. February 20th 1830
by virtue of this Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other votable Inhabitants of said Bedford by posting a copy of the within in the Meeting House as directed to assemble at the time place and for the purposes within Mentioned

John Bacon Constable of Bedford

March 1st 1850 Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said Town of Bedford assembled and acted on the articles therein contained Viz

No Town Clerk being present the Town proceeded to Choose a Clerk pro tem Reuben Bacon was Chosen and sworn to that trust

article 1st Choose John Merriam Moderator

" 2nd Voted for County Treasurer, Sorted and counted and were
for John Keyes Esq. a'tmoured Sixty four Votes 64
" E Fuller " " " Seven " 7

" 3d Town officers, Chose Reuben Bacon Town Clerk for the ensuing Year and sworn into office,

Reuben Bacon 1st Amos Hartwell 2nd Joel Fitch 3d Select-men and sworn

Voted that the selectmen Viz Reuben Bacon Amos Hartwell and Joel Fitch, be assessors Exofficio and were sworn,

John Bacon Town Treasurer

Choose John Merriam John Bacon & Michael Crosby Overseers of the Poor

Choose John Bacon and Lewis P. Gleason Constables & Sworn into office

Choose David Rice Collector of Taxes he is to give satisfactory bonds to the Treasurer and to have twenty two & 50/100 dollars for that service

Choose Joshua Page & ~~Simeon~~ Eliab. B. Lane Surveyors of Lumber & Sworn

Choose Eliab B Lane, Obed Pollard, Ebenezer Hayward & Joel Fitch, Fence Viewers & Sworn

Choose Silas Dudley & John Reed Cullers of hoops & staves — & Sworn

Choose Moses Abbott, Benjamin A. Webber Eldridge Stearns Eldridge Merriam Field drivers & sworn

Choose Larkin P. Page, Silas Dudley Eldridge Merriam Eleazer Davis, Francis B. Gerldridge George Crosby Cyrus Page, Isaac Watts, Franklin Stearns, & Peter Farmer Surveyors of Highways & sworn as pr mark

Choose Obed Pollard, & Larkin P. Page Tythingmen Sworn into office

Chose Franklin Stearns, Larkin P. Page, Alpheus Merriam Moses Hayward, George Crosby, Wm. H. Piper & Isaac H. Hunt Hogreeves & sworn as pr Mark

article 4th To raise Money to repair Highways & Bridges Voted to raise five Hundred dollars to be expended in the usual way & one hundred & twenty five dollars in money to be laid out if necessary on the great roads & bridges to be apportioned by the selectmen. & appointed Eliab B. Lane & Joel Fitch to expend the same,

$ 500.00
$ 125.00

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article 5th To know in what Method the Town will repair the High ways & Bridges, Voted the same Method as was pursued last year: & as set forth in the preceeding article.

" 6th Voted to restrain neat Cattle & Horses from going at large on the Highways & Common lands

" 7th Voted that the taxes shall be collected in the same manner they were the Year past.

" 8th Voted that the Method of supporting the Poor be left to the Overseers the ensuing year

" 9th With respect to School districts, schools, & the distribution of school Money, refered to next April Meeting, and appointed a Committee to take the subject into consideration and report at that time Viz,
Eliab B. Lane, Obed Stearns. John Reed, Oliver R. Abbott Elijah Skelton

Copy of Certificate Bedford March 1st 1830 Personally appeared Reuben Bacon, Amos Hartwell, & Joel Fitch, and made Oath that as Selectmen of said Town, for the Year ensuing, they would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of their office, respecting all elections and returns thereof, before Me Thompson Bacon Just. Peace

Recorded by Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

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Warrant for April Meeting 1830

To Lewis P. Gleason a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn (by posting a copy of this warrant in the meeting House in said Town) All the male Inhabitants of said Bedford qualified by the Constitution and Laws to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Councillors, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the fifth day of April next at one o Clock in the afternoon,

To give in their votes for Governor. Lieut. Governor. Senators & Counsellors agreably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Also To Warn the Inhabitants of said Town in like manner who are qualified voters in Town affairs To Meet at said time & place to act on the following articles Viz

article 1st To choose a Moderator for the transaction of Town affairs

" 2nd To raise Money for the support of schools and appoint a school committee for the year ensuing

" 3d To appoint trustees for the Page & Hartwell Fund the present year

" 4th To know if the Town will direct the assessors to take an invoice of personal estate for the purpose of taxation the present Year

" 5th To hear the report of a Committee, & act on the 9th article in the last March Meeting Warrant refered to april meeting respecting schools, districts, & the distribution of school money

6th To know if the Town will choose fire wards for the year ensuing

7th To know what method the Town will take to obtain a survey & plan of the Town in Obedience to a resolve of the general Court passd at their last session

8th To know if the Town will accept a list of Jurors as made out by the Selectmen

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the subscribers at the time & place above mentioned

Given under our Hand & Seal at Bedford this twenty second day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Joel Fitch

Middlesex Ss. Bedford March 27th 1830 Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town (by posting a Copy of the above in the meetinghouse) to meet at the time, place, & for the purposes therein expressed

Lewis P. Gleason Constable of Bedford

April Meeting april 5th 1830

pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the votable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford aſsembled and acted on the articles therein contained as follows Viz

their Votes for Governer were brought in to the Selectmen sorted and counted and were as follows

For His Excellency Levi Lincon of worcester " Ninety votes 90
" " Hon Marcus Morton of Taunton Thirteen Votes 13
For Lieut. governor " Thomas L Winthrop of Boston Eighty eight " 88
" " " " Nathan Willis of Pittsfield Sixteen " 16

Senators	Benja. F. Varnum of Dracut	88 Votes
"	Hon Thomas, J. Goodwin, of Charlestown.	81 "
"	Asael, Stearns, of Cambridge,	88 "
"	John, Locke, of Ashby,	80 "
"	Francis, Winship, of Brighton,	87 "
"	M. W. Nutter, of East Sudbury,	14 "
"	James, Lewis, of Pepperell,	14 "
"	L. M. Parker, of Charlestown,	14 "
"	James, Ruſsell, West Cambridge,	14 "
"	John, Wade, of Woburn.	13 "
	Burage, Yale, Esq of South Reading,	7
	Nathan, Brooks, Esq of Concord,	7

Town affairs 1st article John Merriam Esq Chosen Moderator

art. 2nd to Raise Money for support of schools, and appoint Committee, Voted three Hundred dollars for Support of schools, & postponed Choosing a School Committee to next May Meeting,

$ 300

article 3rd. Committee in trust for Page, & Hartwell Fund, Continued to May Meeting

4th Not Neceſsary to be acted on in consequence of State Tax,

5th on Schools, districts, and distribution of school, Money, heard report of Committee, not accepted, and diſmiſsed the article,

6th To know if the Town will Choose fire wards for the ensuing year Voted in affermative & Chose

Eliab, B. Lane
Capt Timothy Page } Fire Wards
Oliver W. Lane

7th Continued to May Meeting

8th To know if the Town will accept a list of Jurors as Made out by the selectMen Voted in affermative

Recorded by Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Bedford april 5th 1830

Warrant for May Meeting 1830

L.S.

Middlesex ss. To Lewis P. Gleason a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn (by posting a Copy of this Warrant in the Meeting house in Bedford) All the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified by the Constitution and laws of this state to Vote for Representatives. to Meet at the town Hall in said town on Monday the third day of May next at One O Clock P. M. to Give in their Votes for a Representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May next.

Also to act on the following articles of Town affairs Viz

1st to Choose a Moderator

2nd To raise Money to defray the ordinary Charges of the Town the ensuing year

3d To raise Money to pay Rev Mr Stearns Salary expence of ringing Bell Care of Meeting House &c.

4th To appoint a Committee to audit the accounts of the town the ensuing year

5th To appoint a Committee to expend that part of the income of the Page & Hartwell fund directed by the donors to be expended in teaching sacred Music

6th To know if the town will cause the Meetinghouse bell to ring at noon & 9 O Clock in the evening on Week days the year ensuing

7 To know if the town will raise money to pay any part of their debts or do any thing respecting the s...

8th To know if the Town will pay a bounty on Crows heads the ensuing year

Also to act on the unfinished buisness of april Meeting last Viz to appoint a School Committee for the ensuing year To appoint a Committee in trust for the Page & Hartwell fund To know what Method the town will take to Obtain a Survey & plan of the town in Obediance to a resolve of the General Court passd. at their last Session

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting. Given under our hands & Seal at. Bedford April 19th 1830

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Joel Fitch

Bedford April 26th 1830 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Said Town as therein directed to meet at the time, place and for the purposes therein expressed Lewis P. Gleason } Constable of Said Bedford

Bedford May 3d 1830

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote as therein expreſsed aſsembled and acted on the several articles therein contained as follows Viz Chose John Merriam Esq Representative

article 1st On Town affairs Choose John Merriam Esq Moderator

" 2nd Ordered Nine Hundred dollars to be aſseſsed to defray the ordinary Charges of the Town the year ensuing 900 00

" 3 " five Hundred and eighty dollars for Rev Mr Stearns Salary &c. 580 00

" 4th Choose Thompson Bacon Esq, Capt John Reed, & Capt Oliver R. Abbott a Committee to audit the accounts of the town,

" 5th " Reuben Bacon Albert Bacon & Lewis P. Gleason a Singing school Committee & agents to expend the money appropriated for teaching sacred Music,

" 6th the town directed the Selectmen to let out the ringing of the bell, & Care of town Hall, as done last year, in seperate charges, Viz 1st Care of the Meeting House Ringing Bell on sabbath & lecture days, 2nd Ringing Bell at noon & nine O Clock in the evening on week days & tolling at funerals, 3d Care of town Hall. On the unfinished busneſs of last april Meeting the Town, 1st Choose William Webber Esq. Dea Michael Crosby & Lt. Marther Hayward a Committee in trust for the Page & Hartwell fund and appointed a Committee to confer with them on the subject of their present security, Viz Reuben Bacon Amos Hartwell & Joel Fitch, the ensuing year. Voted that the selectmen be directed to obtain a survey & plan of the town in such manner as they think best

7 On the 7th article of the foregoing warrant the Town Voted not to raise any money the present year to pay Town debts

8 on the 8th article Voted not to pay a bounty on Crows heads the ensuing year

On the subject of a school Committee the town voted that in future they shall be paid a Reasonable compensation for their services & Choose Rev Samuel Stearns, Thompson Bacon Esq & Doct. Aaron Kitteredge, Committee for ensuing year

Recorded by Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

May 3rd. 1830

the Selectmen appointed Mr. Jesse Robinson Sexton for the year ensuing year

" Let by. Proposals the Care of Meeting House. Town Hall & Ringing the bell, to Samuel Reed as follows.

Viz	for Sweeping House & Ringing bell on Sabbath & Lecture days, Sixteen Dollars.	16.00
"	Ringing at noon; nine O'Clock. Town Meetings &c.	22.00
"	taking care of Town Hall two dollars	2.00
	total.	40.00

Thompson Bacon & Thomas Hurd were appointed Measurers of Wood & Bark for the year ensuing & Sworn

Joshua Page Sealer of Weights & Measures

Appoint of Engine Men for 1830

By virtue of the statutes of 1785 Chapter 72 & 1805. C. 82

We the subscribers have nominated and appointed and do hereby nominate and appoint the following Persons to be Enginemen Viz
Lewis S. Gleason, Edward Flint, Phinehas W. Chamberlain, Elbridge Merriam, John A. Merriam, Willard Wilson, George W. Sloan, George Simonds, Larkin P. Page, Charles Spaulding, Elbridge W. Stearns, John M. Fitch, Abner B. Lane, David Hill, Thomas Furlong, Elbridge Bacon, Isaac Hartwell, Daniel Clark, Oliver W. Richardson, & Obadiah Johnson, and they are to be attached to Engine No. 1. Within the Town of Bedford, and to Continu in said office during the pleasure of the Selectmen,

Given under our hands at said Bedford the twenty first day of april 1830

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell
Joel Fitch
} Selectmen

Warrant for November Meeting 1830

L S

Middlesex S.s To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn (by posting a copy of this warrant in the Meeting House as usual) All the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, who are qualified by the constitution and laws, to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to Meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the first day of Nov.r next at One O Clock in the afternoon to Give in their Votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Middlesex district,

Also to act on the following articles of Town affairs Viz

1st To choose a Moderator

2nd To see if the Town will make any further provision for the repair of the Centre or great roads,

3d To know if the Town will appoint some Suitable Persons to superintend Funerals

4th To know if the Town will accept a proposition from Mr Joshua Page, for providing a sufficient piece of Land, to be improved as permanent Stable ground for the use of the Inhabitants of Bedford, and order the stables now standing on the west side of the Towns common to be removed, Also to lay out a road over the Ground where the stables now stand from the County road leading to Boston to the south bounds of the Common

5th To know if the Town will direct the Selectmen to renew the guideboards throughout the Town

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting, Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this eighteenth day of October 1830

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Joel Fitch

Middlesex S.s October 23d 1830
by virtue of the above warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Bedford (by posting a copy of the same in the meeting House as directed) to assemble at the time, place, and purposes therein expressed

John Bacon Constable of Bedford

6
Bedford Novr 1st 1830

In pursuance of the warrant on the preceding page, the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed, met, & gave in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United states, for the Middlesex district, The whole number of votes were counted recorded and declaration thereof made as by law is directed and were for the following Person Viz

For Hon Edward Everett of Charlestown Seventy one Votes 71

article 1st Choose Joel Fitch Moderator for Town affairs

" 2nd To See if the Town will make any further provision for the repair of the Centre or great roads
Voted in the negative

" 3d To know if the Town will appoint some suitable persons to superintend at funerals voted in the negative

4th To know if the Town will accept a proposition from Mr Joshua Page, for providing a sufficient piece of land to be improved as permanent stable ground, for the use of the Inhabitants of Bedford, and Order the stables now standing on the west side of the Towns Common to be removed, also to lay out a road over the Ground where the stables now stand from the County road leading to Boston to the south bounds of the Common

The following Memorial & Proposition was submitted relating to the foregoing 4th article by Mr Joshua Page Viz

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford in Town Meeting aſsembled. The Memorial of Joshua Page to the Inhabitants of said Town, respectfully represents, That he purchased the plat of land in this Town on which his Tavern establishment is situated at a high price, considering the price at which land was then generally held, the seller alledging as his reason for demanding so high a price, that it poſseſsed two fronts, viz eleven rods on the road leading to Boston, and twenty five rods on the westerly side of the Common, which last mentioned front was then through the whole line, (with the exception of the old Pound since removed by agreement) clear of any manner of obstruction, and was considered as bounding on the public highway, and well situated as building lots, the common having never been inclosed and all parts of it time immemorial having been always used as a public highway by every one who had occasion to pass over and around it, on foot, or with loaded teams, that a part of the front on the common was a mere pond and required a very considerable expense in draining and filling it up so as to render it arable, that before he could find himself in circumstances to erect buildings on this front the stables now standing on the westerly side of the common were erected in despite of his remonstrances and as he believes, without any direct authority from the town, whereby he feels himself severely aggrieved and which wholly deprive him of access from the common to his said front, for any purpose of improving the same as building lots, which if continued will seriously injure his interest by ruining his said front in regard to building thereon, and deprive him of privileges and advantages for which he has already paid a fair and full consideration and expected to enjoy without let or hindrance, the same as he sees accorded to persons who have since built on the south side of the common, that as at this time eligible building lots in the centre of the town are scarcely to be obtained at any price within the ability of persons of moderate means, he greatly feels the want of having his said front on the common cleared of the impediment which said stables now oppose to its being improved as building ground, so that there may be opportunity afforded to erect respectable buildings thereon for the accommodation of those who are frequently enquiring for tenements in this village the doing of which he thinks must be manifest to every one would eminently promote the Interest of the town by giving facility to the increase of population and business, whereby the taxable property in the town would be increased, a deep blemish in the very heart of it effaced, and himself restored to the enjoyment of his original rights

He further represents that his stable standing between his tavern barn and the great road, although on his own land has often been mentioned as another blemish on the town and an inconvenience in passing and repassing at that point; accompanied by a desire that it might be removed [illegible] the present unsightly stables stand [illegible] side of the common; that inasmuch as since the other premises although he paid at once to be obliged to buy his rights a second time which will involve on him a considerable expense as he will be obliged to sell his 3d stable and build another at a much greater cost, yet seeing but two alternatives before him whereby he may obtain redress of his aforementioned grievance, the one being to pursue a legal course which he very much would prefer not to do unless driven to it; and the other to offer the town an inducement to give him relief from the abovementioned incumbrance on his said front, by passing a vote to have said stables removed from the place where they now stand, with permission to place them on ground hereinafter described, which he will procure for this purpose of Mrs Hannah Reed partly by purchase & partly by gift from her, which land is situate in her pasture lying contiguous to the common at its southwest corner begining at the southwest corner of the common, and running southerly on land of Thompson & Elbridge Bacon six rods, then running westerly twenty [illegible] rods to a stone wall, thence running northerly on said wall six rods to land of Jeremiah Fitch, thence easterly on land of said Fitch & Rev. John Bacon the bounds of the common, to the bounds first mentioned, Mrs Reed reserving to herself and assigns, a right at all times to a way to pass and repass with cattle, loaded teams or any thing for which she or they may have occasion, at and through the easterly end of said described lot of land, and also in like manner to use a way through the said lot, out at the westerly end of it, and will make it a condition in the conveyance that said land subject to said reservations shall be limited and restricted in the use of it, to the erection thereon (in a manner not to interfere with her said reservations) of stables for the accommodation of those of the Inhabitants who, on the sabbath, and other public occasions, want a shelter for their horses and carriages, and such other public buildings as will not incommode it for stable ground, the residue of the same always to be kept open as a promenade to the Inhabitants of the town; and should the town be pleased to pass a vote to have said stables remaining on the westerly side of the common removed as aforesaid and locate a public road on his said front as stated in the warrant for this town meeting he promises to cause the said described piece of land to be conveyed to the town for the purposes aforesaid and also to remove his said tavern stable, and in the mean time as soon as may be execute a deed conveying to the town the use of the land lying northerly of a line described, beginning at the southeast corner of said stable, and running direct to a sycamore tree standing near the northwest corner of his tavern house, reserving the privilege of his well on the same, the maintaining of a pump in it, and a water trough by it suitably protected by posts, and a sign post where one now stands forever, to be improved as a public highway, so long as the road [illegible] thereunto shall be thus improved

Signed Joshua Page

The Town accepted the proposition contained in the foregoing memorial by forty three votes in the affirmative and twenty three in the negative

Voted that the owners or proprietors of the stables now standing on the west side of the towns common are hereby directed to remove them, before the first day of May 1831, with permission to place them on the land described in ~~in~~ the foregoing Memorial and to continue on the same so long as they shall keep them in suitable and serviceable state of repair

Voted that the selectmen be a Committee to stake out the lines on the above described ground on which stables may be removed or built anew

article 5th the selectmen were directed to renew the guide boards throughought the town

The subject of Mr Jeremiah Fitch's present of a Bible for the use of the pulpit in Bedford Meeting house was communicated to the Religious society, and by Vote, Rev. Samuel Stearns was appointed to express to him their thanks, in such manner as he may think proper.

Nov 1st 1830

Recorded by Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

1831 Warrant For March Meeting

23. Middlesex Ss.

To Lewis P. Gleason a Constable of the Town of Bedford greeting
you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn (in the customary Manner) all the male Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified by the constitution and laws of said commonwealth to vote in Town affairs To Meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March next at twelve O. Clock at noon to act on the following articles, Viz,

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2nd To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing Year
" 3d To bring in their Votes for a County Register of Deeds for a term of five years
4th To choose Town officers for the ensuing year.
5th To raise money for the repair of highways and Bridges the ensuing year
6th To know in what manner the Town will repair the highways and Bridges the ensuing year,
7th To know if the Town will restrain neat cattle and horses from going at large on the highways and common lands within the Town the ensuing year
8th To determine the mode of collecting Taxes the ensuing year.
9th To direct the manner of supporting the poor the Year ensuing
10th To know if the Town will accept of a road as laid out by the selectmen on the 3d day of Decr 1830. Viz beginning on the County road at the northwest corner of the Towns common and running southerly across said common to the south bounds of the same. the westerly side of said road bounds on land of Joshua Page and John Bacon and is laid out two rods wide
11th To know if the Town will give any directions concerning the location of stables, on the ground lately conveyed to the Town by Mrs Hannah Reed or do any thing respecting the same
12 by request of Militia officers To know if the Town will direct the treasurer to pay the amount of a poll Tax as provided by the statute to all

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the training soldiers who have conformed themselves to the same, excepting their uniform at may training

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this twenty first day of February 1831

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Joel Fitch

Middlesex ss. February 26th 1831
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time place and for the purposes therein expressed, by posting a copy of said warrant in the Meeting House

Lewis P. Gleason Constable of Bedford

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants assembled and acted on the several articles therein contained as follows Viz.

article 1st Made choice of William Webber Moderator
2nd " the Moderator called for their votes for a County treasurer which votes were brought in sorted and counted as by law is directed and were for the following Persons Viz
for John Keyes Esq. of Concord by Seventy Votes — 70
Elisha Fuller Esq of ~~Concord~~ Lowell by one vote. — 1
3d Votes for a County Register of deeds were brought in sorted and counted and were as follows for William F Stone Esq of Cambridge Ninety six Votes — 96
4th To Choose Town officers; the following were Chosen viz Town Clerk, Reuben Bacon
Selectmen, Reuben Bacon, Amos Hartwell, & Joseph Brown. Voted that the Selectmen should officiate as assessors, and that two others should be added to form a board of five

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4th Assessor William Webber 5th John Merriam
Town Treasurer, John Bacon
Overseers of the Poor, John Merriam John Bacon
— & Timothy Page,
Constable, John Bacon
Collector of Taxes, Joel Fitch to collect for 8 21,50
Pound Keeper, John Bacon
Surveyors of Lumber, Simeon Blodgett & Joshua Page
Cullers of Staves, & hoops, Elias Stearns & Benja. Webber,
Fence Viewers, Eliab B. Lane, Joel Fitch Lukin P. Page
Tything Men, Oliver R. Abbott, & Obed Pollard
Field Drivers, Leonard White, Silas Dudley,
— Peter Farmer, Edward Flint, Joseph Billings 2d,
Surveyors of Highways, Eleazer P. Davis Thomas Hunt
— Ralph Lane, John Reed, Isaac P. Bacon, Francis
— Wilson Jr. Abel Green, Ebenr Hayward, Artemas
— Hill, John W. Hayward,
Hog Reeves, William [illegible] Silas Dudley
— Eleazer P. Davis. John A Merriam. Elias Hilton
article 5th To raise Money to repair the Highways & Bridges
— Continued to April Meeting
6th To know in what the Town will repair the Highways & Bridges deferred to April Meeting
7th Voted to restrain neat cattle and horses from going at large under the regulation of the Laws.
8th Voted that the taxes shall be collected in the same manner as last year
9th the Overseers of the Poor were directed to let out the Poor by Receiving proposials for all now on the town and all who may come during the year with discretion to let them to any one of the persons bringing in such proposials
10th the Town accepted the road laid out by the selectmen, which was as follows, the Selectmen of the town of Bedford being met this third day of Decr 1830, for the purpose of laying out a road for a town or private way over the Towns Common, have attended that service and laid out a road for such use as follows, Viz begining at the County road at the north west corner of the Towns Common and running Southerly over said Common to the south bounds of the same the westerly side of said Road bounds on land of Joshua Page & John Bacon and is laid out two rods wide, affirm

Record of Road — Common

(Signed, Reuben Bacon Amos Hartwell Joel Fitch —
tive 56 negative 48 — Selectmen of said Town)

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Voted that the Town Clerk be a Committee to notify all persons having any incumbrances on the ground on which the aforesaid road has been laid out, that they cause the same to be removed from the ground on or before the first day of May next

11th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to make what they shall consider an equitable distribution of stable lots on the Ground lately conveyed to town by Mrs Hannah Reed, to all or any of of the Inhabitants of said town who may be entitled to such privilege, by the conditions of the deed of conveyance

12th Respecting Military officers, A motion was made that there be an indefinite postponement of the article which was carried in the affirmative

All those of the town officers mark'd under their names, have been sworn to the faithfull performance of the same as the law directs, thus

Guilford ...... April 4th 1831
Personally appeared Reuben Bacon Amos Hartwell & Joseph [illegible] and made oath that as selectmen of said Town for the year ensuing they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their office respecting all elections and the returns thereof

Before me Amariah Preston } Just Peace

Recorded by Reuben Bacon Clerk of Town

1831 Warrant for April Meeting

L.S.

Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the town of Bedford, Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn (in the customary manner) all the Inhabitants of said Bedford, who are qualified by the constitution and laws of said Commonwealth to vote for representatives, and in the transaction of town affairs To meet at the town Hall in said town, on Monday the fourth day of April next, at one O,Clock P. M. for the purposes following, viz

1st To bring in their votes to the selectmen for a Governor & Lieut. Governor of said Commonwealth, and also for five Senators and Counsellors for the Middlesex district,

2nd To choose a Moderator for the transaction of town affairs

3d To raise Money for the support of schools and make such distribution of the same as they may think best, and appoint a school Committee for the ensuing year,

4th To appoint trustees for the Page & Hartwell fund for the year ensuing,

5th To know if the town will direct their assessors to make the highway taxes the present year on the Valuation of 1830 or do any thing respecting the same,

6th To act on the 5th and 6th articles in the warrant of March Meeting, continued to April respecting the method of repairing the highways and bridges the year ensuing, and raising money for the same,

7th To choose fire wards for the year ensuing,

8th by request of Moses Page, & 13 others, To know if the town will will direct their assessors to require the inhabitants of said town to swear in their invoice of Personal property for taxation the present year under oath,

9th by request of Leonard White, To know if the town will discontinue so much of the road in front of William Pipers House, as to permit him to bring the wall to a square corner, instead of the bend as it now stands,

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this twenty first day of March, A, D one thousand eight hundred & thirty one

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell
Joseph Brown

Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. March 26th 1831 By virtue of the foregoing Warrant, I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of Bedford, (by posting a copy of the same in the meeting house as directed) to meet at the time place and for the purposes specified therein

John Bacon Constable of Bedford

April 4th 1831. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said town Met and Acted on the articles therein contained as follows Viz.
1st The Votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators & Counsellors. Were brought in sorted and counted, and declaration made as is by law directed, and were for the following Persons, Viz. 1st For Governor, His Exy. Levi Lincoln of Worcester, Seventy seven Votes, 77
Hon. Marcus Morton of Taunton, fourteen Votes, 14
For Lieutenant Governor, Hon Thomas L Winthrop of Boston, Seventy seven Votes, 77
Hon. Nathan Willis, thirteen Votes, 13
For Senators and Counsellors
Hon Francis Winship of Brighton, Eighty six Votes, 86
" Asahel Stearns of Cambridge, fifty eight votes, 58
" John Locke of Ashby, fifty three Votes, 53
" Nathan Brooks of Concord, eighty six Votes, 86
" Charles Train of Framingham, forty six votes, 46
Benjamin Wyman Esq of Woburn, thirty seven votes, 37
William Austin Esq of Charlestown, twenty three votes, 23
Jacob Reeves Esq of east Sudbury, Thirty Votes, 30
Hon Samuel Dana of Groton, Ten Votes, 10
" John Wade of Woburn, Ten Votes, 10
Paul Willard Esq of Charlestown, ten votes, 10
Samuel Richardson Esq of Tyngsborough thirteen " 13
Elias Phinney Esq of Lexington, three votes 3

2nd Amos Hartwell was Chosen Moderator for the transaction of town affairs,

3d Granted two hundred and fifty dollars for support of Schools, to be distributed in the usual way, Voted not to $250,00 choose a Committee unless further supplies of money be granted,

art. 4th Marshall Hayward, Amos Hartwell, & Moses Hayward, Were appointed a Committee in trust, for the Page and Hartwell Fund,

5th Voted that the assessors be directed to make the highway taxes the present year on the valuation of 1830.

April Meeting 1831 Continued

article 6th, the continued articles from last March Meeting, respecting repairing the Highways and Bridges, & raising Money for the same, The town directed that seven Hundred should be assessed to be expended in the usual manner, and one hundred and twenty five dollars to be assessed and collected in Money, to be laid out on the great roads and bridges, by an agent, or under the direction of the Selectmen

$ 700 —

125 —

7th Chose Timothy Page Joshua Page Jonathan Bacon fire Wards for the year ensuing

8th Request of Moses Page & others, Voted, not to Direct the assessors on the subject of the Inhabitants giving their Income & Personal estate under oath.

9th Voted that the request of Leonard White be granted agreeably to the article as inserted in the warrant

Recorded by Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

1831 Warrant for Meeting May 11th

1.1.

Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote for senators and Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, and in town affairs, to Meet at the town Hall in said town on Wednesday the Eleventh day of May next at one O clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz

1st To give in their votes for a Representative in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to be convened and holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

2nd To give in their Votes by ballot for or against an article of amendment of the Constitution of this State proposing to have the political year begin on the first Wednesday of January instead of the last Wednesday of May agreeably to a resolve pass'd by the General Court March 7th, 1831.

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article 3d To choose a Moderator for the transaction of town affairs

" 4th To raise Money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the year ensuing

" 5th To raise Money to pay [illegible] and other Parochial charges the year ensuing

" 6th To know in what manner the town will let out the ringing of the bell & care of the Meeting House and Town Hall the year ensuing.

" 7th To appoint a Committee to expend that part of the income of the Page & Marshall funds ~~[illegible]~~ for the purpose of Instrumental Music.

" 8th To choose a Committee to audit the expenses of the town the year ensuing.

" 9th To know if the Town will give any directions concerning the payment of the bills for services incurred the past winter, or make any provision for the coming winter

" 10th To know if the town will allow their assessors a further time to assess and commit the tax lists to the Collector the present year in consequence of the present Valuation

" 11th To know if the Town will repair, or build the Pound or act or do any thing respecting the same,

" 12 To see if the town will appoint a Committee to ascertain the angles and establish Permanent bounds to the town common about the Meeting House or do any thing respecting the same,

" 13th Upon the request of Thompson Bacon and 14 others To know if the town will divide the Center school district into two districts, either geographically or by clasification or by [illegible] of said district and apportion the school Money in the several districts of said town either between the amt of taxes paid and the number of schollars, Or by the number of schollars, Or by the amt of taxes paid, Or by giving each district an equal share,

14th Also, to see if the town will raise an additional sum of Money for the support of schools the ensuing year.

15th To know if the town will choose a school Committee for the year ensuing year,

16th To see if the town will give a bounty on crows heads caught and killed within the limits of this town the year ensuing year.

17th To know if the town will direct the selectmen to [illegible] instrumental Music with the singing choir for the year ensuing, [illegible]

— Hereof fail not and make return of the foregoing
warrant with your doings thereon unto some one of the
Selectmen by the time of said Meeting
Given under our hands and seal at Bedford
this twenty fifth day of April A. D. 1831

Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell } of
Joseph Brown } Bedford

Middlesex ss. April 26th 1831 By virtue of the foregoing warrant I have notified and warned the all the Inhabitants of said town to meet at the time place and for the purposes therein expressed. By posting a copy of the warrant in the Meeting House.

John Bacon Constable of Bedford

Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Bedford May 11th 1831

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the town assembled and acted on the several articles contained therein as follows
viz 1st The Votes for a Representative were brought in and were for the following Persons viz
Hon John Merriam Thirty eight Votes 38
" Amos Hartwell one Vote 1
total 39

Article 2nd } The Votes for and against the proposed amendment of the Constitution were brought in sorted and counted and were as follows
In favour of for the amendment fifty four Votes 54
Against " " five Votes 5

" 3rd Choose William Webber Moderator
4th Voted to raise Nine Hundred dollars for the ordinary charges of the town } $900 –
5th Voted five Hundred & Eighty dollars for Mr Stearns salary and other charges } $580 –
6th Voted that the Selectmen be directed to [illegible] the bell & case of Meeting house [illegible] as they may judge best.

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Article 7th Reuben Bacon. Lewis P. Gleason & Albert Bacon were Chosen a Committee to expend the Money arising from the fund for Instrumental Music,

" 8th Joel Fitch Michael Crosby & Jeremiah Fiske were chosen a committee to audit town accounts

" 9th Snow bills Joel Fitch Wm Webber Thompson Bacon Henry Baker & Roger Lane Chosen a Committee to audit said bills, and report to assessors amount to be Credited to each Man. Also Voted to make no provision for removing snow the coming winter

" 10th Voted to extend the time for assessors to commit tax lists to Collector, to August 20th

" 11th Pound; John Merriam Michael Crosby & Joel Fitch were appointed a Committee to sell the old Pound stone, & land, and to convey the land by deed. with authority to contract for a new Pound for the use of the town, on such terms as they shall think best,

" 12 Elias D. Lane, Oliver W. Lane, Roger Lane Elias Skelton, Ebenr Hayward, were appointed a Committee to perform the duties contemplated in this article, respecting the common

" 13th Petitions dividing South school district; Voted to postpone the article indefinitely,

" 14th Voted to raise two Hundred & forty dollars in addition to the money already raised for schools the ensuing year forty dollars of the same $240.00 for the use of the centre school district and the remainder to be apportioned to the several districts in the usual manner,

" 15th Chose Rev Saml Stearns, Caleb W. Blake & Asa C. Skelton School Committee.

" 16th Voted to pay a bounty of twenty cents for old crows heads, and ten cents for young, the year ensuing,

" 17 the town Voted that the Selectmen may pay for Instrumental Music with the Singing Choir

Recorded by Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

appointments

Capt Timothy Page is appointed by the selectmen to superintend the expenditure of the extra money raised for the repair of the great roads, and Parish bridge, from Lexington line to the Carlisle Line —

[illegible] 1831 Carried Over

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Appointments May 11th 1831. by Selectmen

Capt. [illegible] Abbott is appointed to superintend the expenditure of extra money to be laid out on the road from the guide board near the Dr. Preston House to the Billerica line on the old and new road.

Larkin P. Page is appointed sexton for the year ensuing

Thompson Bacon Esq. Sealer of Weights and Measures } Sworn

Thompson Bacon & Thomas [illegible] Measurers of Wood & Bark }

Care of the Meeting House is let to [illegible] on the following.

Ringing bell Sabbaths and [illegible] days and sweeping cleaning the House Care of Clock & c.	13 50
Ringing bell at noon & nine o'Clock & Night. [illegible] & c.	21 00
Care of Town Hall	1 50
$	36 00

Middlesex ss Bedford June 3rd 1831

Personally appeared Reuben Bacon, Amos Hartwell, Joseph Brown, William Webber, & John Merriam, and made Oath that as assessors of said Town, for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty one, they would faithfully and impartially, according to their best skill and judgment, do and perform the whole duty of ~~an~~ assessors, as directed and enjoined by an act of this Commonwealth, Made in the present year entitled "an act to [illegible] in the valuable estate within this Commonwealth."

Before Me Thompson Bacon Just. Peace

Warrant For Town Meeting Nov.r 14th 1831

Middlesex S.S.

Seal To John Bacon a Constable of the town of Bedford
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn (in the Customary manner) all the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford who are qualified by the Constitution and laws of said Commonwealth to Vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor. Senators & Counsellors and Representatives to the General Court And in Town affairs To Meet at the town Hall in said town on Monday the fourteenth day of November next at twelve O Clock at noon for the purpose of giving in their votes to the selectmen for a Governor. and Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth for the next ensuing political year And five Senators for the Middlesex district, and for a Representative to represent said town to the General Court next to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next Also to act on the following articles of town affairs Viz

rticle 1st to Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
" 2nd On the request of Isaac S. Bacon and others to know if the town will shingle the School House in the east district and repair the same
" 3d On the request of Thompson Bacon & 23 others to know if the town will grant the Meeting House in said town for the use of Preaching of the unitarian denomination on the two first sabbaths of December. January, March, & April, next or do any thing respecting the same they may think best

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the selectmen by the time of said meeting

Given under Our hands & Seal at Bedford this thirty first day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell
Joseph Brown

Middlesex S.S. Nov 5th 1831 pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified all the Inhabitants of of Bedford aforesaid (by posting a Copy of the above in the Meeting House) to Meet at the time place and for the purposes therein expressed

John Bacon Constable of Bedford

a true Copy R. Bacon Townclerk

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1831 Town Meeting November 14th

Pursuant to the Warrant Recorded on the preceding page the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Met and acted on the articles therein contained as follows

the Votes of the inhabitants were brought in to the selectmen for a Governor of this Commonwealth for the next ensuing Political year and being sorted and Counted were for the following persons Viz

For	His Excellency Levi Lincoln of Worcester	73	Votes
"	Hon Saml. Lathrop of West Springfield	20	"
"	Hon Marcus Morton of Taunton	17	"

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon Thomas L Winthrop of Boston	93	"
" John Mills of Southwick	19	"

For Senators & Counsellors

Ashael Stearns Esq of Cambridge	54	Votes
Daniel Richardson " of Tyngsborough	70	"
Francis Winship " of Brighton	70	"
Samuel Hoar Jr. " of Concord	65	"
Nathaniel Austin " of Charlestown	16	"
Elihu Cutler " of Holliston	70	"
Nathan Adams " of Medford	24	"
William Jackson " of Newton	25	"
Stephen [illegible]. Pike " of Marlborough	23	"
Jacob Reeves " of East Sudbury	25	"
Burrage Yale " of South Reading	21	"
Augustus H. Parker " of Shirley	17	"
Josiah S. Hurd " of Charlestown	19	"
Thomas Whittemore of Cambridge	19	"
Colburn Blood of Dracutt	19	"
Richard H. Dana	2	"
Charles Train of Framingham	2	"
Timothy Fuller " of Cambridge	1	"

For a Representative to the General Court the whole number of Votes brought in was 105
Necessary to a Choice 53
Amos Hartwell had Seventy four Votes and was chosen 74

1831 Town Meeting Novr 14th Continued

On Town affairs
article 1st John Merriam Esqr was Chosen Moderator
2nd Request of Isaac P. Bacon & Others
Voted that the east school House May be shingled and repaired, and Choose a Committee to procure the same to be done as soon as may be, Viz, Reuben Bacon Amos Hartwell and Joseph Brown

3d Upon the request of Thompson Bacon & 23 to know if the Town will grant the use of the Meeting House in said Town, for the use of a preacher of the Unitarian denomination on the two first sabbaths of December, January, March and April next or to any thing respecting the same they may think best

the Town Voted to grant the request of the petitioners, and appointed a committee to carry ~~the~~ the same into execution in such Manner as shall be deemed Most conciliatory and proper, Sixty five Voting in the affirmative and forty two in the negative the Committee appointed for the above purpose —

— Were Reuben Bacon —
— Amos Hartwell and —
— Thompson Bacon —

A true record
Recorded by Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

December 15th 1831 The Selectmen Contracted with Eliab. B. Lane. to deliver twenty Cords of Good fire Wood in Rev Saml Stearns yard on or before the first day of March 1832 at four dollars and 25 Cents per Cord

1832. Warrant for March Meeting

(65) Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn (by posting notice in the customary manner) all the Inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution and Laws of said Commonwealth, to Vote for State County and town officers and in town affairs, to meet at the town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the fifth day of March next at one O'clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz

1st to Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2nd To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer for the year ensuing
3d To choose the necessary Town officers for the ensuing year
4th To raise Money for the repair of highways & bridges the year ensuing
5th To direct the mode of repairing the highways & bridges the year ensuing
6th To know if the town will restrain neat cattle and horses from going at large on the highways and common lands within the town the ensuing year
7th to determine the Method of collecting taxes the ensuing year
8th To direct the Manner of supporting the Poor the year ensuing
9th On the Petition of Roger Lane & Nine others to see if the town will take into consideration the propriety of having the town Hall used for Religous meetings on sabbath days when the Meetinghouse is Occupied for the same purpose so long as there is but one religous society in said town and act thereon,
10th To know if the town will transact the usual business of the May Meeting at their April Meeting or do any thing respecting the same
11th To hear the report of the Committee appointed at last May Meeting respecting the Towns pound and do any thing concerning sd Pound they may think best

Hereof fail not and Make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the selectmen by the time of said meeting Given under our hands at Bedford this twentieth day of February A D one thousand eight hundred and thirty two

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell
Joseph Brown
Selectmen of said Bedford

Middlesex ss February 25th 1832 By virtue of the foregoing Warrant I have notified and warned all the inhabitants of Bedford aforesaid (by posting a copy of the warrant in the meeting house as directed) to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes therein expressed

John Bacon Constable of
Bedford

a true Copy Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 5th 1832

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant & notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford Met and acted on the articles therein Contained as follows

1st Choose John Merriam Moderator of the Meeting
2nd the Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a County Treasurer, Which being sorted and counted as by law is directed Were found to be for the following Persons

Viz	For Hon. John Keys of Concord one hundred and twenty two Votes	122
	For " Nathan Brooks Esqr one Vote	1

Town officers

article 3d Reuben Bacon Was Chosen Town Clerk for the year ensuing and sworn into office

Selectmen 1st Reuben Bacon, 2d Amos Hartwell, & 3d Timothy Page and Sworn as assessors

Town Treasurer John Bacon

Overseers of the Poor Reuben Bacon Amos Hartwell & Timothy Page

Constables John Bacon. & Cyrus Page,

Pound Keeper John Bacon

Surveyors of Lumber Simeon Blodgett, & Joshua Page

Cullers of Hoops & Staves Silas Dudley & Benja W Webber

Fence viewers George Crosby, Eliab B. Lane & Obed Pollard

Tything Men Obed Pollard & Oliver W. Lane

Field drivers Seth Lane, Obed Pollard Solomon Harrington — Leonard White & Edward Flint

Surveyors of Highways Leonard White, Eliab B. Lane, Joseph Hartwell 3d, David Fitch, Simeon Blodgett, Silas Wilkins, Ebenezer Hayward, Franklin Stearns, Obed Pollard, & B Josiah Davis,

Hog Reeves Oliver Pollard, Jonas Munroe, Francis B. Goodridge, Joseph Hartwell 3d, Oliver A Wilson, Edwin E Watkins, Edward Flint, Isaac P. Bacon, George Wilson,

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1832 March Meeting Continued

article 4th Voted to raise five hundred dollars, for the repair of highways & Bridges, to be expended in the usual manner, and a sum sufficiant to make up one hundred dollars, with the money remaining in the hands of the agents appointed last year, for the repair of the great roads, to be laid out the present year under the direction of the selectmen or agents by them appointed. 500 100

5th determined by the vote above in article 4th

6th Voted to restrain neat Cattle and horses from going at large on the highways and Common lands, within the town the ensuing year.

7th Voted that the taxes shall be collected the year ensuing in the same manner as last year, Viz in three installments, on the first Mondays of Novr, February, & May, Collector to sit untill 7 O Clock in the evening instead of 9 as last year. Choose Orvilles M. Blodgett Collector who is to collect all said taxes for twenty two dollars 22

8 Voted that the Overseers let out the poor in such manner as they shall think best for the Interest of the town

9th, concerning the use of the town hall, Voted that no minority of the religious society in this town shall occupy the Hall on Lords days, when there is Preaching in the Meeting house, until it shall form a Society and file a Certificate thereof, in the Clerks office, and when that shall have been done, said society shall have liberty to occupy said Hall, during the pleasure of the town; 71 Votes in affirmative 4, negative,

10 respecting the towns Pound continued to April Meeting

True Record

Recorded By Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting 1832

(15) Middlesex S.s. To John, Bacon, a Constable of the Town of Bedford.
Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn (by posting notice in the Customary manner) All the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified by the Constitution and Laws of said Commonwealth to Vote in town & Parish affairs, to Meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday the second day of april next, at half an hour after twelve o Clock P. M. to consider and act on the following articles Viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,
2nd To raise Money for the support of schools and appoint a school Committee for the year ensuing.
3d To appoint Trustees for the Page & Hartwell funds the year ensuing.
4th To choose fire Wards for the year ensuing,
5th To raise Money to defray the ordinary Charges of the Town the year ensuing,
6th To raise Money to pay Rev Mr Stearns salary, and other parochial Charges, the year ensuing
7th To direct the manner of leting out the ringing of the bell, care of Meeting house, & town Hall, &C. the ensuing year
8th To appoint a Committee to expend the proceeds of the Page & Hartwell funds, appropriated to teaching sacred Music,
9th To Choose a Committee to audit the accounts of the Town the year ensuing.
10th To act on the Continued article from last March Meeting respecting the Towns Pound.
11th Upon the request of Isaac S. Bacon, To Know if the Town will do any thing towards the repair of the seats in the east district school House.
12 Upon the request of William Page to Know if the Town will grant him the priviledge of Working out his high way tax, between his house & the great road, under the direction of the surveyor of Highways the year ensuing.
13th To see if the Town or Parish will (Upon the request of a large number of the votable Inhabitants) Reconsider their vote of Nov. 16th 1801, Granting Rev Mr Stearns the loan of one thousand dollars without Interest &C. Also their vote of May 6th 1811. Granting him a Gratuity of two hundred and twenty six dollars & two thirds, annually over & above his

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original salary, Also all other gratuities ever voted him, and pait his salary in future on the original contract of three hundred and thirty three dollars and one third, together with twenty cords of good fire wood, or do any thing respecting the same they may think best,

14th upon the request of a number of the Inhabitants of the Town or Parish, to see if the Town or Parish will raise the sum of two Hundred dollars, to be expended for unitarian Preaching, by a Committee chosen by ballot or otherwise, Who shall have the control of the Meeting House not exceeding one half the time, to Open & Shut the same at pleasure and regulate the religious service the ensuing year, who shall receive & respect instructions from time to time if needed from the Major Voters of any Parish Meeting or convention, or do any thing respecting the same they May think best.

Hereof Fail not, and Make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of Said Meeting.

Given under Our hands & seal at Bedford this Nineteenth day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two

Reuben Bacon
Timothy Page } Selectmen of Said Bedford

Middlesex Ss March 24th 1832 by virtue of the foregoing warrant I have notified & Warned all the Votable Inhabitants of Bedford by posting a copy of the warrant in the Meeting House as directed to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes expressed

John Bacon { Constable of Bedford

A true copy of original Reuben Bacon Town clerk

Town Meeting April 2nd 1832

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant, the Inhabitants
1 of the Town & Parish Met and acted on the articles
therein contained in the following Manner, Viz,

1st. John Merriam was Chosen Moderator of the Meeting

2nd Voted that fourhundred and fifty shall be assessed
for the support of schools the year ensuing to } $ 450
be distributed in the same proportion as
last year. Choose Rev Saml Stearns, Caleb M. Blake,
& Joshua Page, a school Committee for the year ensuing

3d Amos Hartwell, Moses Hayward, & William Page, were
Chosen Trustees, for the Page & Hartwell funds the year ensuing

4th John Simonds, Joshua Page, & Jonathan Bacon,
Were Chosen fire Wards for the year ensuing.

5th Voted to raise Six hundred & fifty dollars
to defray the ordinary Charges of the town the } $650
year ensuing,

6th respecting raising Money for Mr Stearns Salary & other
parochial charges. Jonathan Bacon, Simeon
Blodgett, & Timothy Page, were Chosen a Committee
to confer with Rev Saml Stearns, on the Subject of
the present condition of the Religous society in this
place, to propose to him the propriety of his asking
a dismission to be granted by the Parish Or recieve
proposals from him concerning a reduction of
his Salary as it now stands and report at next town Meeting

7th Voted that the selectmen let the Ring of the bell & to
be done in the same manner as last year as they may
think best.

8th Reuben Bacon, Albert Bacon, & Doct Kittredge,
were Chosen to expend the Money for teaching
sacred Music

9th Joel Fitch, Cyrus Page, & John W Hayward, were
Chosen a Committee to audit the expences of the
town. the year ensuing.

10th John Merriam, Joel Fitch, & Michael Crosby, were Chosen
a Committee to Confer with John Bacon, with Powers
to convey the towns right to said land, if they can agree
with him concerning the removal of said. Pound.

11th John Merriam, & Joseph Brown, were appointed
a Committee on repair of seats in the east district
school house. and act for the town

12 Wm Pages. Request was granted as prayed for.

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article 13th The town voted to postpone acting on this article till next Town Meeting, at which time they are to hear the report of the Committee appointed on 6th article of the warrant for this Meeting.

14th Voted to raise two Hundred dollars and choose a Committee by ballot, Viz John Merriam, Timothy Page, & John Bacon, to carry into effect the provisions of the article, in such manner as they shall think best. $200

Recorded April 2nd 1832

A true Record Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

April 3d 1832 the Selectmen as Overseers of the Poor have let out
To Ebenezer Hayward of Groton to Support and Clothe
& free the town from all expence during the coming year, except any
die - in which case the pay to cease, & the town bury them,
Mrs Sally Reed at one dollar pr week
Mrs Merriam " " " " "
John Moore at seventy cents pr week
If Sally Reed absents herself for the space of two weeks
said Hayward is to notify selectmen & his pay to cease
untill they return her to him after which he is to keep her
during the year at the same price

To John Reed Violet at one dollar 25 cents pr week
Moses Simonds Child at 50 Cents
Luke Lane one dollar & one Shilling " "
while he continues with him, the selectmen
have liberty to put any other to him during the
year at one dollar & 25 cents pr week and free
the town from all other expense

John Hosmer & Wife let to Cartalio Hosmer on same conditions
as above at Ninety Dollars for the year
Jesse Reeds family while he makes no provisions for their
support to Cartalio Hosmer at the rate of forty two
dollars pr year

Mr Gustavus Hosmers Children to his Widow at 5/6 pr week
the youngest two to Horace Hosmer at 31.00 pr year provided they both
continue with him otherwise to be a deduction

Bellamy Page to J Munroe at 75 Cts pr week

May 6th 1832 The care of the Meeting House & ringing bell and care of Town Hall let out by the selectmen to Jonas Wilson as follows

Viz Ringing bell for all Town purposes &c.	20 00
" " for Parish purposes Sweeping &c.	6 00
Care of Town Hall	2 00

Warrant For Town Meeting
June 11th 1832

Seal Middlesex ſs. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford: Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify & Warn (by posting notice in the customary manner) all the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to Vote in Town or Parish affairs, to Meet at the town Hall in said Town on monday the 11th day of June next at three O'clock P.M. to act on the following articles Viz.

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd. To hear the report of a committee appointed at at last april Meeting to consult with Rev Saml Stearns on the [illegible] propriety of his asking a diſmiſsion of the Parish, or reducing his Salary And do any thing respecting the same. Also to act on all the unfinished busineſs of april Meeting

Hereof Fail not & Make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting. Given under our hands & Seal at Bedford this twenty ninth day of May A.D. one thousand eight Hundred & thirty two

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell
Timothy Page

Town Meeting June 11th 1832

Middlesex ss. June 2nd 1832 By Virtue of the within Warrant I have notified & Warned all the votable Inhabitants of said Bedford by Posting a Copy of the within on the Meetinghouse as directed to assemble at the time, place, & for the purposes within specified,

John Bacon Constable
of Bedford

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant & notice the Inhabitants of Bedford aforesaid Met, and voted on the articles therein contained, in the following Manner Viz

voted 1st John Merriam Was Chosen Moderator

" 2nd The committee Read the communications which had passed between Rev Mr Stearns & themselves on the subject contained in the duties assigned them and made the following report Viz they recommend that the Town grant a sum of Money in amount equal to his half years salary, to be paid him on the 27th day of Oct. 1832, if he will ask a dismission of the Town & Parish, and leave it optional with him how long he will remain their Minister from and after the day of his acceptance provided it shall not exceed the said 27th day of October, they further recommend that if the Rev Mr Stearns shall choose to continue their Minister under existing circumstances, that the town instruct their Committee chosen to regulate the religious services the year ensuing to Call in young men to preach as candidates or colleague with the Rev Mr Stearns and pay them from the money granted for liberal Preaching, which Report was accepted by the Town, and Chose Saml Bacon, Jno. Page & Joshua Page their Comm

3 the town, Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday 18th inst, at 5 O clock, P. M. at the Town Hall, then to hear the report of said Committee & act on all unfinished business of the said Meeting

A True Record, att, Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

June 18th 1832

The Inhabitants Met agreably to the foregoing adjournment and proceeded to act on the unfinished buſineſs of June 11th John Merriam not being present. Timothy Page was chosen Moderator for the Meeting. the Committee then proceeded to read communications which have paſsed between Rev Mr Stearns and themselves respecting his asking a diſmiſsion of the Parish. three propositions were offered by Rev Mr Stearns for a diſsolution of his Pastoral connection with the Town, which were acted upon seperately and rejected, by the Parish or Town, the third and last on the ground of the preliminaries on which a referrence must be conducted viz to have nothing alleged against his Ministerial character before said referees

Gt 350 Voted that the Town Grant to be aſseſsed the Sum of three Hundred & fifty dollars in part for Rev Mr Stearns salary and other Parochial Purposes to lay in the Towns treasury to be paid out as the town shall hereafter direct

Voted That the Town instruct their Committee chosen to regulate the religous service the Present year to Call in young men as candidates for a colleague with Rev Mr Stearns in the Gospel Ministry, for easement in his advanced age

A True Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Oct. 16th 1832

L.S. Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn by posting notice in the customary manner All the Inhabitants of said town who are qualified voters in Parish affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on tuesday the 16th day of Oct. Inst at two O, Clock P. M to consider and act on the following Articles

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd Upon the Petition of John Webber and Nine others To hear and act upon a communication now in the hands of the Selectmen which was transmitted to them in July last from the Rev Samuel Stearns correcting the misapprehensions of a former communication & renewing with such explanations or qualifications as are given, the proposals then made to the town or Parish, agreeably to their votes of April 2nd & July 11th 1832

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of of said Meeting Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this sixth day of October A. D. 1832

Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell } of
Timothy Page } Bedford

A true Copy Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. Oct. 6th 1832

in obedience to the above warrant to me directed I have notified the Inhabitants as above to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein expressed by posting a copy in the Meeting house as usual

John Bacon Constable of Bedford

Town Meeting October 16th 1832

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant & notice the Inhabitants met, and acted on the articles therein contained in the following Manner.

article 1st John Merriam. Was Chosen Moderator.

" 2nd the Moderator then caused to be read — — the Communication in the hands of the Selectmen. Sent to them in July last by Rev Saml Stearns. renewing with such qualifications or explanations as are given. the proposals then made to the town or Parish agreeably to their Votes of April 2nd & July. 11th 1832.
the Town by vote rejected three several Propositions contained in the aforesaid. Communication.

3 The town Choose. Reuben Bacon, Amos Hartwell, Timothy Page, John Merriam, Joshua Page. Michael Crosby, Benjamin Bacon, John Webber, Phinehas W. Chamberlain, Uriah Goodwin, & John Simonds, a Committee, to ascertain the rights of the Town or Parish to the loan now in the hands of Rev Saml Stearns. And also to confer with one another on the subject of our Parish Affairs and to report at an adjourned Meeting,

4th Voted that this Meeting stand adjourned to Tuesday the 23d Inst. at 5 O Clock P. M. at the town Hall in Bedford

October 23d 1832

The Town met in pursuance of the aforsaid adjournment and the Committee reported that from the best information they had been able to obtain the loan of 1801 to Rev Saml Stearns is the property of the Parish.

Signed R Bacon pr order of Comee

A Majority of the Committee recommend to the town or Parish, to reconsider their votes of Oct 16th on the two last propositions. And Give up to Rev Saml Stearns his bond for the loan of 1801, or leave the Matter to a refference agreeably to his Proposition, provided he will Ask a dyſmiſsion of the Parish.
signed by, John Webber, Benjamin Bacon. John Simonds. & Phinehas W. Chamberlain, Michael Crosby, & Amos Hartwell.
the question on the acceptance of said last report was decided in the negative. thirteen Voting in favour of acceptance. and thirty six in the negative.
A true Record, attest, Reuben Bacon, Town Clerk.
Bedford Oct 23d 1832.

Warrant for Town Meeting Novr. 12th 1832

L.S. Middlesex Ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn (by posting notice in the customary manner) all the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford who are by law qualified to Vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators, & Representatives, And in Town and Parish affairs To Meet at the town Hall in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of November next at half an hour after twelve O Clock P. M.

1st For the purpose of giving in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, & Lieut. Governor of this Commonwealth for the next ensuing Political year

2nd To give in their Votes for five Senators and counsellors for the Middlesex district

3d To Give in their Votes for fourteen Electors of President & Vice President agreeably to a law of the Commonwealth Passd. March 24th 1832

4th To Give in their Votes for a Representative to represent this Town in the General Court next to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next

Also to act on the following articles of Town or Parish affairs

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd To see if the Town or Parish will direct their Treasurer to pay Rev Saml. Stearns his salary up to Oct 27th 1832 or Make any arrangments to supply any deficiency of Money for the payment of his Salary the present year,

3d upon the request of Roger Reed To see if the Town will allow him any thing for building a Bank Wall near his House where the Surveyors of Highways have carried away Gravel Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon by the time of said Meeting, to one of the Selectmen given under our hands & Seal at Bedford this twenty ninth day of October A D. 1832

A true Copy Attest:

Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell
Timothy Page
Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss Novr 3d 1832 By virtue of the foregoing Warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of Bedford aforesaid (by posting a copy of the foregoing in the Meeting house as directed) to assemble at the time Place and for the purposes Specified

John Bacon Constable of
Bedford

Town Meeting November 12th 1832

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the articles therein contained in the following manner Viz

The Votes of the Inhabitants were brought in to the Selectmen for a Governor of this Commonwealth for the next ensuing political year Sorted & counted and were for the following Persons Viz

For Levi Lincoln of Worcester Sixty Nine Votes 69

" Marcus Morton of Taunton Seventeen Votes 17
Samuel Lathrop of West Springfield Six " 6
For Lieut Governor –
– Samuel T Armstrong of Boston Seventy Votes 70
John Mills Southwick Seventeen " 17
Timothy Fuller Cambridge five " 5

2nd For Senators & Counsellors
Daniel Richardson of Tingsboro Sixty Six Votes 66
Francis Winship of Brighton Sixty five " 65
Nathaniel Austin of Charlestown Sixty five " 65
Charles Train of Framingham Forty four " 44
Zadock Howe of Billerica Forty four " 44
Samuel Hoar of Concord fifteen " 15
Elihu Cutler of Holliston nineteen " 19
John Wade of Woburn fourteen " 14
William Buttrick fourteen " 14
Coburn Blood of Dracut fourteen " 14
Nathan Adams of Medford " 13
William Jarson of Newton thirteen Votes " 13
Francis Bowman of Cambridge Eleven " 11
William L Chaplain of Groton thirteen " 13

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For Senators Abraham R. Thompson of Charlestown two votes 2
Richard Dana of Cambridge one " 1
Burrage Yale of Reading Eleven Votes 11

3d For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States

Charles Jackson sixty two votes }
Nathan Willis fifteen " } Elector at Large
John D. Williams eighteen " }

For Suffolk District
Thomas H Perkins Sixty two votes
Charles Hood fifteen "
Jacob Hall eighteen "

Essex South District
Gideon Barstow Sixty two votes
John Moriarty fifteen "
William B Breed eighteen "

Eſsex North "
Ebenezer Mosley Sixty two Votes
Amos Noyes fifteen "
Thomas Payson eighteen "

Middlesex district
Nathan Brooks Sixty two Votes
Eliphalet Case fifteen "
Benjn. Wyman eighteen "

Worcester South
Aaron Tufts Sixty two votes
Richard Olney fifteen "
Pliny Merrick eighteen "

Worcester North
Samuel Lee Sixty two votes
Charles Sibley fifteen "
Stephen P. Gardner eighteen "

Franklin District
Ebenr. Mattoon Sixty two votes
Perley Barton fifteen
Asa Stebbins eighteen

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Electors For Hampden District
James Byers sixty two Votes
William H Thompson fifteen "
John Chaffee eighteen "

Berkshire District
Henry Shaw Sixty two Votes
Phinehas Allen fifteen "
James W. Robbins Seventeen "

Norfolk District
James Richardson Sixty two Votes
Ebenr Seaver fifteen "
John Bailey eighteen

Plymouth District
Jotham Lincoln Sixty two Votes
Peter H. Peirce fifteen "
Zachariah Eddey eighteen "

Bristol District
Cornelius Grinnell Sixty two Votes
John Williams fifteen "
Joseph Ricketson eighteen "

Barnstable District
Nymphus Marston Sixty two Votes
Samuel Stinson fifteen "
Benjamin Hallet eighteen "

4th The Inhabitants brought in there votes to the selectmen for a Representative to represent them at the General Court for the next ensuing Political year & having ben sorted an counted were for the following Persons Viz

For Caleb Blake one vote	1	
" John Merriam Six votes	6	
Reuben Bacon thirty eight votes	38	
Amos Hartwell fifty four Votes	54	
Whole number of Votes		99
Necessary to a Choice		49

Town Meeting Nov 12 1832 Record Continued

For the transaction of Town or Parish affairs
1st John Merriam was Chosen Moderator
2nd The Town directed their Treasurer to pay Rev Saml Stearns his Salary up to 27th Octr 1832 and that when it shall become indespensibly neceſsary to pay the residue of his salary they direct that it be paid from the surpluſs funds arising from the sale of Pews more than the Cost of the meeting House
The Town Chose a Committee Viz Reuben Bacon, John Merriam, & Timothy Page, to consult on the propriety & expediency of Petitioning the General Court for Liberty to tax the pews in the 1st Parish Meetinghouse for the payment of a part or all the expences of the Religous Society or do any thing concerning the same they may think best

3 upon the request of Roger Reed the Town Choose Reuben Bacon Amos Hartwell & Timothy Page to examine and report at March Meeting next

a true Record attest. Reuben Bacon { Town Clerk of said Bedford

1832 Warrant for Meeting December 18th

L.S. Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting
you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn (by posting notice in the customary manner) All the Inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet at the town Hall in said town on tuesday the eighteenth day of December Inst at five O'clock in the evening to consider and act on the following articles Viz
1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2nd To consider the expediency of Obtaining a diſsolution of the Ministerial connection existing between the Rev Samuel Stearns and the first Parish in said town; And Generally to act on all subjects that may be necessary for the completion of the Object contemplated by the Parish

3d To see if the Town will direct the Comittee in trust for the Page & Hartwell Fund to pay the Town Treasurer the amt of Interest arising from said fund to be appropriated for the support of the Gospel Ministry, when the same shall be collected.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting Given under Our hands and seal at Bedford this eighth day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousane eight hundred and thirty two

Reubin Bacon } Selectmen of
Timothy Page } Sd Bedford

Middlesex Ss December 8th 1832 by virtue of the foregoing warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of said town (by posting a copy of the foregoing in the meeting House) to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes specified

John Bacon Constable of Sd Bedford

Town Meeting December 18th 1832

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of said Town met and acted on the articles contained in said Warrant as follows

1st. Choose John Merriam Moderator of said Meeting

2nd. On the question, Is it expedient that the connection existing between Rev Samuel Stearns as Pastor of the first congredational society in Bedford be disolved.

Voted in the affirmative by a unanimous Vote 36 in favour

And in Order to carry the same into effect the town a
Parish passd the following Vote

Viz That a committee be chosen of five Persons, to employ Counsel, To collect and make out charges or articles of Impeachment agenst the moral or ministerial ~~character~~ conduct of the Revd Samuel stearns Pastor of said society and furnish him in due season with a copy of such complaints or articles of Impeachment and request him the said Pastor, to Join and Co,operate with said society in Choosing by their committee, and calling a mutual Ecclesiastical council, to hear all matters of comp- complaint against him, togather with the present state and condition of the society. To Judge determine, and decide the question Viz. Is it expedient, proper, and Just, that the relation of the Rev Samuel Stearns, to the first congregational Society

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in Bedford as their Pastor be disolved?
And if the said Pastor shall refuse to join said society
in choosing & calling a mutual council for the
purpose above mentioned, then the Committee to
proceed to call an exparte council for said purpose
Voted that the Town Clerk transmit forthwith a copy of
the doings of this Meeting to the said Pastor
For We consider Ourselves morally absolved from
longer contributing to his support, and the contract
existing between said Stearns and said Society is of
right and Ought to be dissolved. The said Committee
to have discretionary powers to treat with him on the
subject of his asking an unconditional dismission of said
Society before making out any matters of complaint
As the state of the society has materially altered since
he was asked the question. The Committee Chosen for
The Above purpose Were Reuben Bacon. Timothy
Committee } Page David Fitch, Eliab B Lane & Uriah-
Goodwin; Chosen by ballot.

article 3 Voted that the committee in trust of said fund
be instructed to pay the money in the Town Treasurer
to be expended agreeably to the wills of the donors,
Voted that this Meeting Stand adjourned to Tuesday the 8th day of January next
at 5 o'Clock P.M. A true Copy of Record
attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

January 8th 1833 The Inhabitants Met agreeably
to the foregoing adjournment and Voted
certain matters of complaint, against Rev Samuel
Stearns, as recorded on Memorandum Book, Marked
Parish Papers, page 16th.
Voted to adjourn the Meeting to January 29th 1833

January 29th 1833 The qualified Voters in the
first Parish in Bedford Met agreeably to the fore
-going adjournment. John Merriam not being
present, John B Bacon was chosen Moderator,
the Parish Committee, communicated their Progress
and report that nothing further is necessary to
acted upon at present. which was accepted.
Voted that this Meeting be disolved.
A true Record
Recorded by Reuben Bacon Town Clerk
January 29th 1833

Parish affairs Feb 27th 1833

A Mutual Ecleastical Council Was Convened and holden at the town Hall in Bedford on wednesday the 27th day of February 1833 by letters miſsive from Rev Samuel Stearns and the first Religious society in Bedford. To judge determine and decide the following question Viz "Is it expedient proper and just that the relation of Rev Samuel Stearns, to the first Congregational Society in Bedford as their Pastor be disolved

The following Pastors & deligates were present.

Rev. Hosea Hildreth of Glouester

Rev. John Codman D.D. of Dorchester, with Dr. Isaac Howe delig

Rev Samuel Gile of Milton with Lewis Tucker Deligate

Rev. Warren Fay of Charlestown with Dr. John Doane Deligate

Rev James Walker of Charlestown with Charles Foster Deligate

Rev Ezra Stiles Gannett of Boston with James Savage Deligate

Rev Caleb Stetson of Medford with Abner Bartlett Deligate

The Council organized by Choosing the Rev Mr Hildreth Moderator & Rev Warren Fay & Rev James Walker Scribes the Council Was opened with prayer by the moderator

The Rev Mr Stearns and the Committee of the Parish having requested to be heard by legal Counsel. Voted that their Request be granted
The Council entered on the hearing, Hon. Samuel Hoar for Rev Mr Stearns & Hon. John Keyes for Society
the Council closed the hearing at 2 O'Clock in the Morning Feb 28th and adjourned to Meet at 8 O Clock in the morning
Met agreably to adjournment. and

After prayerful and deliberate consideration of the whole case Submitted, the Council come to the unanimous result that no Charge whatever hasbeen sustained against the moral or Christian character of the Rev Mr Stearns And they rejoice that the Committee of the Parish expreſsly disavow any intention to fix any criminality on the Rev Mr Stearns

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Voted unanimously that in view of all the circumstances presented to this council "It is Expedient proper And just, that the relation of Rev Samuel Stearns to the first Congregational society in Bedford as their Pastor be diſsolved" on suitable pecuniary considerations

Voted, that in the Judgment of this Council a suitable pecuniary consideration would be made by adopting the two following Principles Viz
That the note or bond for one thousand dollars now held by the town or Parish against Rev Samuel Stearns be cancelled; and
That in respect to his salary from Nov 9th 1832 to the day on which the connexion shall be diſsolved, the payment by the first Parish, of such proportion of the whole sum due for that period of Time as the whole amount of taxable property belonging to the first Parish on this 28th day of February 1833 bears to the whole amt of taxable property belonging to both the first Parish and the new society on this same day, Shall be considered and taken as a full discharge by the Rev Samuel Stearns of all demands against said first Parish for salary during that period

Having settled these principles, this Council unanimously come to this result, that when the above conditions shall be complied with by the first Congregational Society in Bedford, the ministerial connexion of the Rev Samuel Stearns with said society shall be diſsolved, and is by such compliance diſsolved,

The Council also unanimously concur in opinion, that the Rev Samuel Stearns sustains an unblemished moral Christian and ministerial, Character, and is fully deserving the same confidence of the Christian community which he has so long shared.
The Council have Great pleasure in Observing the liberal conduct of the town and parish towards Rev Mr Stearns from the time of his settlement untill the origin, of the recent difficulties, and conclude their result by expreſsing their earnest hope that their advice and deciſions will be approved, by those at whose request they have been convened, and promote their best interests, the peace and happineſs of this community, and the kingdom of Jesus Christ in this place,

The foregoing result was communicated to the parties, and after prayer by the Rev Mr Gile, the council was dissolved.

Signed Hosea Hildreth Moderator

Warren Fay
James Walker } Scribes

Copy of Result of council Feb 28th 1833
Recorded by Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting 1838

Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the town of Bedford
Greeting
(L.S.)
You are hereby required In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts To notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote for Town officers, and in Town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the fourth day of March next at half an hour after twelve O-Clock P.M. to consider & act on the following articles Viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2nd To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year
3d To Choose Town officers for the year ensuing
4 To direct the manner of repairing the Highways & Bridges the ensuing year
5th To Raise Money to repair the Highways & Bridges the year ensuing
6th To See if the Town will restrain neat cattle and horses from going at large on the Highways & Common lands within the town the year ensuing
7th To determine the mode of Collecting the taxes the year ensuing year
8th To see if the town will purchase a Farm or do anything respecting the Support of the Poor they may think best

9 Also to notify the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified Voters in the first congregational Society to meet Immediately after

9th after the transactions of the foregoing town Affairs
To transact any business that may be necessary
in relation to a dissolution of the connection existing
between said society & Rev Samuel Stearns as their
Pastor

Hereof Fail not and make return of this warrant
with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen
by the time of said Meeting
Given under our hands & Seal at Bedford this
22nd day of February in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and thirty three

Copy by Reuben Bacon T Clerk
Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Timothy Page } of
} Bedford

March Meeting 1833

Middlesex Ss February 23d 1833
By virtue of the foregoing Warrant I have notified
and Warned all the Inhabitants of Bedford aforesaid
by posting a copy of the same in the Meeting house as
usal To meet at the times place and for the purposes
therein Specified,
John Bacon } Constable of
} Bedford

March 4th 1833

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant and
notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and
acted on the articles therein contained in the
following manner Viz
1st Choose John Merriam Moderator
2nd The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a County
Treasurer which were Sorted and Counted by The
moderator & town Clerk and were for the following
Persons Viz For Hon John Keyes of Concord Eighty two Votes
For William L Chaplain of Groton twenty four Votes

3d the Town proceeded to choose a Clerk for the year ensuing
Reuben Bacon was Chosen Clerk & Sworn into office
*

* all the officers who have been sworn are mark'd with a
dash under their names

March Meeting continued 1833

Selectmen Chosen, Reuben Bacon Amos Hartwell & Timothy Page

Town Treasurer John Bacon

Constables John Bacon
Cyrus Page

Surveyors of Lumber Simeon Blodgett and Joshua Page

Cullers of Hoops & Staves Benja A Webber & Silas Dudley

Fence Viewers Elijah Skelton Eliab B Lane Obed Pollard Joseph Brown & Moses Page

Tything Men Oliver R Abbott & Obed Pollard

Field Drivers Benja A Webber George Wilson John P. Reed Samuel Page John W. Hayward

Surveyors of Highways Timothy Page Moses Abbott Obed Stearns Benja Bacon Simeon Blodgett Oliver Pollard Levi Bailey Constantine Hill Oliver W. Lane William Clark,

Pound Keeper John Bacon

Hog Reeves Leonard White George W. Hoar John P. Reed David Hill Dennis Billings Obadiah P. Johnson Joseph Ruſsell Reuben Bacon Jr

4th Voted the same mode be adopted as last year for repair of Highways the year ensuing

5th Voted that four hundred and fifty dollars be aſseſsed to be expended in the several districts under the direction of the Surveyors of highways in the usual manner } 450 00

and one hundred dollars to be aſseſsed in Money to be expended on the Great roads by an agent appointed for the purpose } 100 00
Chose Eliab B Lane agent for the purpose with Instructions to expend the same if neceſsary

March Meeting 1833 Continued

article 6th Voted to restrain neat cattle and horses from going at large on the Highways and Common lands within the town the year ensuing

" 7th Voted that the Taxes shall be Collected in three Installments agreeably to a former Vote of the Town Viz on the first monday in October February & May next after
Chose James Webber Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing Who is to recive twenty four dollars & Seventy five cents for That Service —— 24.75

" 8th Voted that a Committee be chosen with full Powers to purchase a farm, Stock the same, and employ a keeper for the Poor, and make every necessary arrangement for their ~~their~~ comfortable maintainance the year ensuing, Said Committee Shall constitute a board of Overseers for the coming year,
Overseers of Poor } Chose John Merriam, Michael Crosby, & Joseph Brown, for the purpose the Town Treasurer to give notes for the moneys necessary to accomplish the same

" 9th To transact any business that may be necessary in relation to a dissolution of the connexion existing between Rev Samuel Stearns and the first Congregational in Bedford the Parish
Voted to chose a committee to take the subject into consideration and report at the next town meeting also to report the probable amount of funds now in the hands of the town which is considered as belonging to the first Religious Society the following persons were chosen for the purpose
Timothy Page, John Merriam David Rice Reuben Bacon Simeon Blodgett Joshua Page Joseph Brown Eliab B Lane Uriah Goodwin & David Fitch

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved
A true Record
Reuben Bacon { Town Clerk

Bedford March 4th 1833
Then Personally appeared Reuben Bacon Timothy Page & Amos Hartwell and made solemn oath that as Selectmen of the town of Bedford for the year ending in March 1834 they would faithfully and impartially discharge the of their said office respecting all Elections and the returns thereof
Copy — R Bacon Town Clerk { before me John Merriam Justice of the Peace

Warrant for April Meeting 1833

[45] Middlesex ſs. To Cyrus Page a Constable of the Town of Bedford
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to vote for Representatives to the General Court and in town and Parish affairs to Meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on monday the first day of April next at half an hour after one O Clock P.M. to consider and act on the following articles Viz.

1st. To bring in their Votes to the selectmen for a Representative to represent district no. 4 in the Congreſs of the United states

2nd. To Choose a Moderator for the transaction of the remaining buſineſs of the Meeting

3d. To Raise Money for the support of schools appoint a school Committee and do any thing in relation to schools they may think best

4th. To raise money to defray the ordinary Charges of the Town the year ensuing

5th. To hear the report of a Committee appointed at last march Meeting by the first Congregational society on the subject of the Parish funds or surpluſs pew Money and act thereon as they may think best

6th. To see if the Town will relinquish all right title and Interest which they in any way may have in the bond held by the Town or Parish for one thousand dollars, against the Rev Samuel Stearns, provided the first Parish shall accept of the terms recommended by a Mutual ecclesastical Council holden on the 27th & 28th of February last

7th To see if the town will let out the Ringing of the bell at noon & nine O Clock in the evening with the care of Meeting House & town Hall on sabbaths and at other times or do any thing respecting the same

8th To Choose trustees for the Page & Hartwell fund for the year ensuing

9th To Choose fire wards for the year ensuing

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1833 Warrant for April Meeting Continued

article 10th by request of Asa Mead To see if the town will permit him to work out his highway tax the present year in widening the road & new setting the wall against Land of Benjamin F Hartwell near his House or do any thing respecting the same

11th by Petition of Eliab B Lane & 9 others to see if the town will pay a bounty on crows heads caught and killed within the limits of the town the year ensuing

12 to Choose a Committee to expend that part of the income of the Page And Hartwell fund to be expended for teaching sacred Music

13 To see if the town will Choose a Committee to audit the accounts of the town the coming year

Also to act on the following articles relating to the 1st Congregational Society in Bedford

1st To hear the report of a Committee appointed at March meeting on the subject of a dissolution of the connection existing between the Rev Samuel Stearns and said first Society

2nd To see if the Parish will appropriate any part of the surplus pew money for the support of the Gospel ministry the present year or do any thing respecting the same they may think best

Hereof Fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting
Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three

Middlesex ss Bedford March 23d 1833
This Certifies that by virtue of the foregoing warrant I have warned and notified the inhabitants of Bedford qualified as mentioned in said Warrant to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein Specified by posting a Copy of said Warrant in the first Congregational Meeting house in Bedford

A true Copy Cyrus Page Constable of Bedford

Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Joshua Page & Thomas Hurd appointed & sworn measurers of Wood & Bark

April Meeting 1833

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the articles therein contained in the following manner Viz

article

1st The Inhabitants brought in their votes to the selectmen for a Representative for district No 4 in the Congress of the United States which were by them & the Town Clerk sorted counted and declaration thereof made as is by law directed and were for the following Persons Viz

For Hon Edward Everett of Charlestown Seventy two Votes 72

" John Wade Esq of Woburn two Votes —2

" 2nd Chose Amos Hartwell Moderator

" 3d Voted four Hundred & fifty dollars for Schools 450 — to be distributed in the same manner as Last year

Viz	Centre district	to	draw		129,49
	East	"	"	"	87,66
	North	"	"	"	80,81
	South	"	"	"	79,17
	West				73,35
					449,98

Choose Bela Gardner John P. Reed & Eleazer P Davis a School Committee for the year ensuing

" 4th Voted Six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to defray the ordinary Charges the year ensuing 650 —

" 5th the Town Chose a Committee Viz Reuben Bacon & Michael Crosby to ascertain and report at next town Meeting What amt of surpluss pew Money is now in the hands of the town belonging to the first Parish

6th Voted that the Town hereby do relinquish all right title and Interest which they may in any way have in the bond held by the town or parish against the Rev Saml Stearns, provided the first Parish Shall accept of the recomendation of the Council as set fourth in the warrant

1833 April Meeting Continued

article 7th Voted that the Selectmen are directed to Letout the care of the Meeting House & town Hall. Ringing the bell on sabbath days and on Week days at noon, and 9. O Clock in the evening as usual, as they may think best. the expence thereof to be paid by the whole town

" 8th Chose Amos Hartwell William Page and Charles Spalding Trustees for the Page & Hartwell Fund.

9th Chose Timothy Page Lewis P. Gleason & Roger Lane Fire Ward Wards for the year ensuing

10th Voted that the request of Ara Mead be refered to the surveyor of Highways in that district to do as he shall think proper.

11th Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to pay a bounty of twenty cents for Old and ten cents for young crows heads, caught & killed by any resident, within the limits of the town the ensuing year, requireing — Satisfactory evidence of the facts in each case

12th Chose Reuben Bacon Albert Bacon & Bela Gardner, a Committee to expend the Income of the Page. & Hartwell. Fund arising for teaching Sacred Music.

13th Chose Cyrus Page, Jonas Munroe, & Jonathan Bacon. a Committee to audit the accounts of the Town the year ensuing

the two articles relating to the affairs of the 1st Congregational Society were disposed of in the following manner Viz 1st the Committee asked further time to make report on the subject submitted to them which was Granted.

2nd the consideration of the subject was postponed to an adjourned Meeting.

Voted that this Meeting Stands adjourned to Monday the 22nd Inst at 6. O, Clock, P. M.

Bedford April 1st 1833

A true Record,

Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

[illegible] P. Page was appointed Sexton & Jonas Bacon Sealer of weights & measures

1833. Warrant For Town Meeting April 22nd

L.S. Middlesex Ss To John Bacon a Constable
of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and Warn all the Inhabitants of said Town who are by law qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the twenty second day of april Inst. at 5 O Clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd To hear the report of a Committee appointed by the town, at last april Meeting, on the subject of the surpluſ Pew Money. To Grant the same or do any respecting it the Town may think best

3d by request of the Inhabitants of the north school district To see if the town will repair their School House or do any thing respecting the same

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting.
Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this thirteenth day of april A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three

A true Copy
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Reuben Bacon
Timothy Page } Selectmen

Middlesex Ss April 13th. 1833
by Virtue of the foregoing Warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of Bedford (by posting a Copy of Said Warrant the Meeting House) to aſsemble at the time, place, and for the purposes therein specified

a true Copy attest
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

John Bacon Constable of said Bedford

1833 Town Meeting April 22

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the articles therein contained in the following manner Viz

1st Amos Hartwell was Chosen Moderator

2nd on the subject of the Surplus Pew Money the Committee report that they have examined the Books and presented the facts relative to the same to Hon Samuel Hoar and obtained his opinion on the subject. that he has decided that whatever of said Surplus remains not Specifically expended for Parish Purposes. is now the property of the first Parish, with Interest on the same.
and that agreeably to that decision
the following appears to be the amt due from the town
to the first Parish. Viz

Amount of Surplus Pew Money Reported by the towns	
Committee at Town Meeting May 6th. 1818.	578.49
Simple Interest on the same to May 6th – 1827.	312.39
Cost of painting Meeting house 1827 as	890.88
Recorded on town Book	411.18
Interest on Balance up to	479.70
May 6th 1833	172.68
Ballance due the first Parish	$ 652.38

652 38 The Town Voted to raise the aforesaid Sum of Six hundred and fifty two dollars 38 Cents and direct the Treasurer to pay the same out to the order of the first Congregational Society in Bedford

3d On the subject of the north district School House the Town Chose a Committee Viz the Selectmen, with John Merriam, & Uriah Goodwin, with power to repair said house or build anew as they shall think to be most for the Interest of the Town
Voted that this Meeting be dissolved

a true record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Bedford April 22nd 1833

1833 Adjourned Parish Meeting April 22nd

At a Meeting of the 1st Parish holden agreeably to adjournment from April 1st 1833

1st The Chair was resumed by Amos Hartwell as Moderator of the Meeting adjourned.

2nd the Committee appointed at last March Meeting proceeded to read the following Preamble & Report Viz Having taken the subject submitted to them into consideration togather with the Result of the Ecclesiastical Council convened in Bedford on the 27th day of Feb last. feel it a duty incumbent on them to expreſs their satisfaction with the deciſion of the Council on the question submitted for their consideration Viz is it expedient proper & just that the connexion existing between the Rev Samuel Stearns and the first Congregational Society in Bedford as their Pastor be diſsolved.

The Care taken by the Council that the Parish should not suffer by a division of the Society in which the Rev Mr Stearns was charged with having an agency.

The reduction of his Salary from the 9th of Novr 1832 to the day on which the connexion shall be diſsolved, being in amount proportioned to all the taxable property which formed in the new Society, proves to the satisfaction of the committee, that the Council considered their main charge as fully substantiated.

And although the deciſion was connected with a pecuniary consideration not submitted by the Parish, The Committee feel confident that the Council seeing the past Generosity of the Parish to their Pastor, by gratuities granted the Rev Mr Stearns the present worth of which amounts to about nineteen thousand dollars. concluded that the parish would not shrink from performing a deed of Charity by canceling a debt of one thousand dollars which is due from said Pastor to said Parish, Which sympathy seemed to require for an aged Minister.

The Committee therefore ask leave to report that in their opinion it will be best for the parish to accept of the result of the Council When they shall

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1833 Adjourned Parish Meeting continued Apl 22nd

be poſseſsed of the adequate funds for Settleing with the Rev. Mr Stearns And such unanimity shall prevail in the parish as to warrant the belief that it will be for their Interest to do it.

Signed Timothy Page per order

The Parish accepted of the foregoing report — And chose Roger Lane John Bacon, Oliver Pollard, Thomas Hurd, Eldridge Merriam, Eliab Lee, Silas Dudley, Jona. Bacon, Jeſse Robinson, John W. Hayward, & Samuel S Dutton, to be Joined with the Committee appointed at last March Meeting with full power to accept of the Result of the Ecclesiastical Council convened on the 2[illegible]th day of Feb last, When they shall find adequate means in the hands of the Treasurer, and, shall deem it for the Interest of the Parish to do it. Said Committee to be authorized to provide for preaching of the unitarian denomination to supply the pulpit When neceſsary

Surplus Pew money appropriation

on the 2nd article relating to parish affairs in the Warrant for last April Meeting, continued to this Meeting, the Parish Voted that all deficiencies of Parish expenses be paid from the surplus Pew money. also to appropriate such part of the same as may be neceſsary for the support of the Gospel ministry untill the parish shall otherwise direct

Voted that this Meeting be diſsolved

A True Record. Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

1833 Warrant For Town Meeting Sept. 16th

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Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford who are qualified to Vote in the affairs of the 1st Religious society (by posting notice in the customary manner) to Meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 16th Inst at 3. O. Clock P. M. to consider and act on the following articles Viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd To see if the Society will take any Measures to defend the Law suit brought against them by Rev Samuel Stearns or do any thing respecting the same they may think best

3d To see what method the society will take to provide preaching in future

4th To hear any Communication which the Parish committee may make on the subject of affairs of the 1st Society and Generally to act on all subjects relating the same which may be deemed neceſsary.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings unto one of the selectmen by the time of said said Meeting. Given under our hands and seal ~~this~~ at Bedford this seventh day of September A D. 1833

Reuben Bacon } Selectmen of
Timothy Page } Bedford

Middlesex ss. Sept 7th 1833 by virtue of the Above Warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of said town as specified (by posting a Copy of said warrant in the meeting house) to aſsemble at time place and for the purposes therein specified

a true Copy attest { John Bacon } Constable of Bedford
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting Septr. 16th. 1833.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Met, and acted on the articles therein contained, in the following order, Viz

1st Chose Bela Gardner Moderator,

2nd Voted to defend the suit brought against the Society by Rev Samuel Stearns, and Chose a Committee Viz Reuben Bacon, Jonathan Bacon, & Eliab B Lane, to prosecute and defend the same, with liberty to employ Counsel, and to draw on the Treasurer of Said Society to defray the neceſsary expence thereof. and finally to Settle and adjust th same.

3d Chose a Committee Viz Timothy Page, Joshua Page & Eliab B Lane, to provide Preaching with instructions to procure the constant service of some suitable minister, during the approaching winter, to come and reside with us,

4th the Committee of the Society chosen at their Meeting held on the 22nd of April last Reported, that they had attended to the duties aſsigned them and that, they could not deem it for the Interest of the society to Settle with Rev Samuel Stearns, agreeably to the terms recommended by the ecleastical council holden in Bedford on the 27th day of Feb last, and that they therefore had no authority to do it, And had Communicated the same to Rev Mr Stearns the foregoing Report was accepted

It was then Moved, & Seconded, that the Society settle with the Rev Mr Stearns, agreably to the terms recommended by said Council,

And Voted in the negative.

Voted that a Committee be chosen to devise measures for the Support of the first society, and to consult on their Interests Generally, John Merriam, Timothy Page, Eliab B Lane Joshua Page ~~John Merriam~~ Uriah Lee Uriah Goodwin Reuben Bacon Joseph Brown William Page David Fitch Cyrus Page Larkin P. Page Albert Bacon John P. Reed John W Hayward, Eldridge Merriam Roger Lane Charles Spalding Bela Gardner & Thomas Hi were chosen for the purpose

A true Record Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

1833 Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 11th

L.S. Middlesex ſs. To Cyrus Page, a Constable of the Town of Bedford, Greeting,

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify and warn (by posting notice in the usual manner) all the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, who are qualified by the Constitution and laws of said Commonwealth, to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Representatives to the General Court And in Town affairs. to meet at the town Hall in said Town on Monday the eleventh day of Novr. next, at one O clock, P. M. for the following purposes Viz.

1st to Give in their Votes for or against a proposed amendment of the Constitution of said Commonwealth, agreeably to a resolve of the General Court paſsd. March 16th, 1833,

2nd To give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor, and five Senators & Councellors, for the Middlesex district, for the next political year.

3d To Give in their votes for a Representative, to represent this town in the general Court, next to be holden in Boston on the first wednesday of January next.

4th To see if the Town will accept of a List of Jurors as made out by the Selectmen, or make any alteration in the same,

5th by request of Joel Fitch, To See if the Town will make any alteration, in the mode of warning town Meetings in future,

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands & Seal at Bedford this twenty eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three,

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen of
Timothy Page } Bedford

Town Meeting Novr 11th 1833,

Middlesex Ss, Novr 2nd 1833, by virtue of the foregoing Warrant, I have warned & notified the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, to meet at the time, and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting copies of the same in the two congregational meeting houses in said Bedford,

Cyrus Page, Constable of Bedford,

a true Copy, R Bacon Town Clerk,

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant & notice, the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Met and Acted on the articles therein contained in the following manner Viz,

1st The Inhabitants qualified as above, brought in their Votes to the Selectmen, For, and against the proposed article of amendment to the Constitution and were Sorted & Counted and were as follows Viz, For said, amendment, one hundred & thirty two Votes, Against " " three Votes.

2nd the Votes for Governer were in like manner brought in and being sorted, & Counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed and were as follows

For Hon John Quincy Adams Ninety Votes of Quincy, 90
" " Marcus Morton forty two of Taunton, 42
" " John Davis of Worcester, Nine Votes 9
" " Samuel Lathrop of Springfield, one vote 1
L Levingston, one vote 1

Lieutenant Governor

For Hon Samuel Lathrop of Springfield Ninety Seven votes, 97
" James Fowler of Westfield, thirty three votes 33
Hon Samuel T Armstrong of Boston, four votes 4

For Senators & Councellors.

Hon Timothy Fuller of Groton, Ninety votes 90
David Townsend of Waltham, Ninety " 90
William Munroe of Concord, Eighty nine " 89
John Clark of Watertown, Ninety votes 90
Caleb Wakefield, Ninety votes 90

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Nov^r Meeting 1833

Senators Continued,

For John Wade of Woburn, thirty votes	30
" Thos J Greenwood, thirty two votes	32
" James Russell of West Cambridge, thirty two "	32
" William Buttrick of Peperell, thirty two votes "	32
" Coburn Blood of Dracutt, thirty two votes	32
" Nathanl Austin of Charlestown, three votes	3
" Elihu Cutler of Northboro, three "	3
" Daniel Shattuck of Concord, three "	3
" Sidney Willard, three "	3
" Nathaniel Wright. three "	3
Josiah Newhall, two votes	2
William Nichols, two "	2
Samuel Merrill, two "	2
Jesse Kimball, two "	2
Gideon Barstow, two "	2

article 3d The Inhabitants aforesaid Brought in their Votes for A Representative to represent them at the General Court, next to be holden at Boston, on the first wednesday of January next, Which were Sorted, and counted, & declaration thereof made as is by law directed and were for the following Persons, Viz,

For Reuben Bacon	Eighty four votes.	84
" Amos Hartwell	Seventy two "	72
Oliver Pollard	one "	1
Timothy Page	one "	1

4th The Town accepted a List of Jurors as submitted by the selectmen Viz John W Hayward, Reuben Bacon, Moses Abbott, John A Merriam, Joseph Brown, William Everett, Joel Fitch, Eliab B. Lane, Phinehas W Chamberlain, Jonas Munroe, Joseph Hartwell 2nd, Timothy Page, Uriah Goodwin, Oliver R Abbott, Albert Bacon, Obed Stearns, & Amos Hartwell, & their names were accordingly placed in the jury box

article 5 The Town Voted that in future Town Meetings shall be Warned by posting a Copy of the warrant in each of the congregational Meeting Houses in Bedford eight days prior to said Meetings.

A True Record attest. Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

1834 Warrant For March Meeting

(L.S.) Middlesex Ss. To Cyrus Page a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and Warn; (by posting Copies of this warrant in each of the Congregational Meetinghouses in Bedford) All the Inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified by law, to Vote in a County Treasurer, and in the Choice of Town officers, and Town affairs, To Meet at the Town Hall in Bedford, on Monday the third day of March next, at one O Clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz,

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

2nd To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year,

3d. To Choose Town officers for the year ensuing,

4 th To See if the Town Will alter the price of labour on the highways in future, and direct the manner of repairing the same the year ensuing,

5 th To raise Money for the repair of Highways & Bridges

6th To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle, & Horses, from going at large on the Highways & common lands, within the Town, the ensuing year.

7th To determine the mode of Collecting the taxes the year ensuing.

8 th To See if the Town will Choose a Committee on the subject of any road that may be contemplated to pass through this Town.

9th To see if the Town will employ some person to Vaccinate the Inhabitants, or do any thing respecting the same.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, unto one of the Selectmen, by the time of said Meeting, Given under our hands and seal at Bedford, this seventeenth day of February, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen of
Timothy Page } Said Bedford

Middlesex Ss. Feb 22nd 1834 By Virtue of the above Warrant, I have warned and notified the Inhabitants of Bedford, to Meet at the time, place, & for the purposes therein expressed, by posting Copies of the above in the two Congregation Meetinghouses in Bedford.

a true copy of Original, att Reuben Bacon Town Clerk Cyrus Page Constable of Bedfor

Town Meeting March 3d 1834

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, and Notice, the Inhabitants aforesaid, Met and acted on the articles therein contained in the following manner, Viz,

1st The Whole number of Votes brought in for Moderator was 72 John Merriam Esq had 66 and was Chosen

2nd the Votes for a County Treasurer were brot in to the Moderator and were as follows, Viz

For John Keyes Esq of Concord, Eighty one votes, 81
" Levi Thaxter, of Watertown, fifty one Votes, 51
" John M. Cheney, of Concord, one Vote, 1

3d. Whole No of Votes brought in for Town Clerk was 142, Reuben Bacon, had 140 and was Chosen,

Whole No for 1st Selectman 146, Amos Hartwell had 82, and was Chosen,
" " " 2nd Selectman 136 Albert Bacon, " 88
" " 3d. Do 129 John P. Reed, 97

Assessors, Reuben Bacon, Amos Hartwell, and Cyrus Page,
Town Treasurer John Bacon was Chosen
Overseers of the Poor John Merriam, Joseph Brown, and David Fitch, Voted that the overseers be Instructed not to furnish ardent Spirit for the poor, unless directed by a physician,

Constables John Bacon, & Cyrus Page

Surveyors of Lumber David Fitch, Simeon Blodget, & Joshua Page,

Cullers of Hoops & Staves, John W. Hayward,

Fence Viewers, Eliab B. Lane, Obed Pollard, and Eleazer Davis,

Tything Men, Oliver W. Lane, & Obed Pollard,

Jonathan Bacon Measurer of Wood & Bark } Carried to next Page

Town Meeting March 3d. Continued 1834

Surveyors of Highways, Timothy Page, David Rice, Amos Hartwell, Simeon Blodget, Bela Gardner, Ebenezer Hayward, Levi Bailey, John W. Hayward, John Reed, Nathan Fitch,

Hog Reeves Thomas Smith, Silas Dudley, Rufus H Parks, Joseph Phelps, Wm. A Stearns, & John M. Fitch,

Field Drivers, Jona. Munroe, Obed Pollard, Willard Wilson, Abel Fitch, Silas Dudley, William Clark,

4th article refered to a Committee Viz Lewis P. Gleason, Amos Hartwell, Albert Bacon, Eliab B Lane, David Rice, & Wm. Everett. with Instructions to report at next town Meeting and to examine any roads in the town which they may be requested, by the surveyors of highways to examine, Dr. Michael Crosby added to the above Committee

5th Continued to april Meeting

6th Voted to restrain Cattle &c. as usual

7th Voted to Collect the Taxes in the same manner as last year

Collector of Taxes, Francis B Goodridge, who is to Give Bonds to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen, and to receive twenty six dollars for that service,

8th a Committee chosen Viz Reuben Bacon Michael Crosby & Lewis P Gleason with discresionary Powrs to act as they may think best for the Interest of the town, concerning any contemplated Roads,

9th Amos Hartwell, Lewis P. Gleason, & P. W. Chamberlain, Were appointed a Committee, to Carry the provisions of the article into effect, if they think best at the expence of the Town,
The doings of the Meeting was read & Meeting Disolved
A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

1834 Warrant For Town Meeting april 7th

L.S. Middlesex ss. To Cyrus Page A Constable of the town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford who are qualified to vote in Town affairs (by posting copies of this warrant in each of the Congregational Meetinghouses in said Town) to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the seventh day of April next at one O.Clock in the afternoon To act on the following articles Viz,

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

2nd To raise Money for the support of schools the year ensuing and Choose a School Committee,

3d To raise Money to defray the ordinary charges of the town for the year ensuing,

4th To see if the Town will let out the ringing of the bell on sabbath days & at noon and nine O Clock in the evenings of week days, funerals, & Town Meetings, and the care of the town Hall, or do any thing respecting the same,

5th To Choose fire Wards for the year ensuing,

6th To Choose Trustees for the Page & Hartwell fund for the year ensuing,

7th To Choose a Committee to expend that part of the Page & Hartwell funds to be expended for teaching Sacred Music,

8th To see if the Town will pay a bounty on Crows heads caught and Killed within the limits of the town the ensuing year,

9th To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to audit the accounts of the Town the ensuing year,

10 upon the request of Doct. Bela Gardner, To see if the Town will remove the Hearse House or do any thing respecting the same,

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article 11th To hear the report of a Committee chosen at last March Meeting on the 4th article respecting Highways.

12th To act on the 5th article in the warrant of last march Meeting Viz, To raise money to repair, the Highways and bridges the year ensuing,

13th upon the request of Edmund Hoar & others To See if the town will build a School House in the west district or do any thing respecting the same,

Hereof Fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk by the time of said Meeting,

Given under our hands, and seal at Bedford this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four,

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Albert Bacon } of
John P. Reed } Bedford

And You are also required by like authority to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said Bedford who are qualified to vote in the affairs of the first Congregational society by posting a Copy in their Meeting house to meet directly after the foregoing articles shall have been acted on, To act on the following articles Viz,

1st To hear a report of the available funds of said Society

2nd To See if the Society will make any further provision for the support of the Gospel and transact any other business relating to the same,

dated as above, With our Seal affixed.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant as above directed,

Albert Bacon } Selectmen
John P. Reed } of
} Bedford

Middlesex Ss March 28th 1834

By virtue of the foregoing Warrant to me directed I have notified and Warned all the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford (by posting copies as directed) To Meet at the times place and for the purposes therein expressed.

Cyrus Page Constable of Bedford

a true Copy attest.

Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 7th 1834

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrants and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford qualified to act met and acted on the articles in said Warrant in the following manner Viz,

1st Choose Albert Bacon Moderator. by ballot,

2nd Voted to raise four Hundred & fifty dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing, to be apportioned to the several school districts in the same manner as last year 450

3d Voted to raise six hundred & fifty dollars to defray the ordinary Charges of the Town the year ensuing, 650

4th Voted that the selectmen to let out the ringing of the bell on sabbath days, Town Meetings & funerals, and at noon & nine o'clock in the evening on week days, and the care of the Town Hall for town purposes, and the expence of the same to be paid by the whole Town,

5th Jonathan Bacon Lewis P. Gleason & Bela Gardner were Chosen fire Wards for the year ensuing

6th William Page Charles Spalding & John Merriam Chosen Trustees for the Page & Hartwell fund

7th Reuben Bacon, Albert Bacon, & Bela Gardner, Chosen a Committee to expend that part of the Income of the Page & Hartwell fund for teaching Sacred Music article 8th concerning Crows heads, Voted that the same be indifinately postponed,

9th Joel Fitch, Oliver R. Abbott, & Oliver W. Lane were Chosen a Committee to audit the accounts of the Town the year ensuing,

10th on the subject of the removal of the Hearse house, the Town Voted to give any individual liberty to remove the same at their own expence, under the direction of the Selectmen,

11th on the subject of Roads the Committee appointed at
500. last March Meeting, report that five Hundred dollars should be raised and worked out in the usual way by the
100 & several surveyors, and one hundred dollars to be aſseſsed
12th & paid in Cash to keep the great roads & Bridges in repair, that the selectmen appoint an agent or agents to expend the one hundred dollars or such part thereof as may be neceſsary, the Committee are unanimous in the belief that one dollar laid out on the roads in the spring of the year is better than twice the amount expended in the fall, they therefore recommend that the Town direct that three fourths of the amt on the several surveyors lists be worked out before the first day of July, & the residue as the surveyors think proper, they also recommend that the several surveyors be impowered to collect in money of all persons on their lists who shall neglect or refuse to work their said taxes when required to do the same, and that the said Collectors shall have warrants in due form of law for said Collection

The Committee ... Also recomend that the Town direct their surveyors, to deduct Six per Cent from the amount of any persons Highway taxes who shall pay the same in Money on or before the first day of June and the money received by the several surveyors shall be expended before the first day of July, in repairing roads

Signed Lewis P Gleason & 6 others

The Town accepted the foregoing report.

13 on the subject of the west school House the Town Choose the Selectmen a Committee to make such alterations or repairs on said House as they shall think proper.

$300.00 Voted that three Hundred dollars be aſseſsed upon the Polls & Estates of the Members of first Congregational society and that the same be paid in to the Collector on the last Monday of June next.
Choose John Bacon Collector for the above purpose

John P. Reed & John W. Hayward, were added to the Committee for to provide Preachers for said first society

Timothy Page Joseph Brown & Jonª Bacon were appointed a Committee to examine and fix, the Cellar Under the Meetinghouse

A true Record

Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

1834 Warrant For Meeting April 30th

L.S. Middlesex ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford who are qualified by law to vote in the affairs of the first Congregational Society in said Town (by posting a Copy of this Warrant in the Meetinghouse) to Meet at the town Hall on Monday the 30th Inst. at 5 O Clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd. To hear Certain complaints of sundry Individuals of the first congregational society in Bedford against the Revd Samuel Stearns And see if said Society will take any Measures to have his Pastoral relations with the first Church and society Ecclesiastically diſsolved or do any thing respecting the Same,

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Article 3d To see if the society will take any measures relative to the bond of the Rev Samuel Stearns to Collect the same Or do as they may think best

4th To hear the report of the Committee on repairs to the Cellar of the Meeting house

Hereof fail not and Make return of this Warrant with your doings unto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Bedford this twenty first day of June in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred & thirty four

A true Copy
Albert Bacon } Selectmen
John P. Reed }
Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 30th 1834

Middlesex Ss June 21st 1834

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Bedford as therein specified to Meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein Mentioned

John Bacon Constable
of
Bedford

Agreeably to the the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants Met and acted on the articles aforesaid in the following Manner Viz

1st Choose Timothy Page Moderator

2nd Voted that the 1st Congregational Society complain and allege against the Rev Samuel Stearns, that on the 28th day of April 1833 he did refuse and neglect to perform his duty as a Gospel Minister of said first society without the consent of said Society and not in accordance with the result of an Ecclesiastical Council holden

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in Febuary last past, and that soon after, he did contract, and Obligate himself to be Pastor of another religous Society, without the consent of said first Society, Or the advice of any Eccleastical Council where in said first Society had any notice or opportunity to be heard, and that the said Stearns has since aſsumed to exercise Eccleastical authority over Members of the first Church and Society by Virtue of A Contract and solemn Covenant, which We allege he has Violated & broken

therefore Voted that a Committee of three Persons be Chosen to propose to the Rev Samuel Stearns that he ask of Said Society an unconditional diſmiſsion, and Should he refuse so to do, said Committee are authorized to take Such measures as they may think proper to enquire into, or terminate, the Rev Samuel Stearns Connexion, for the causes above Specified

Chose Reuben Bacon Jona Bacon Eliab B Lane Committee for the above purpose and should a Cooperation of the first Church be neceſsary Charles Spalding & Dea William Page are added to said Committee

3d Chose Reuben Bacon Jonathan Bacon & Eliab B Lane a Committee to Collect the bond due from the Rev Samuel Stearns with full Power to Settle and adjust his demands against the Parish for Salary to april 27th 1833 f

A true Record att. Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Middlesex Ss. Bedford October 27th 1834
Then Amos Hartwell, Albert Bacon, and John P Reed, Personally appeared and made Oath, that as Selectmen of Bedford for the present year, they would faithfully and impartially discharge their duties respecting all Elections and the returns thereof
Before Me Reuben Bacon Justice Peace
true Copy
By R Bacon Town Clerk

1834 Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 10th

[L.S.] Middlesex SS. To Cyrus Page a Constable of the Town of Bedford, Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn (by posting a copy of this Warrant in each of the Congregational Meetinghouses in this town) All the Inhabitants of said Bedford who are qualified by the Constitution and laws, to vote for Representatives to Congress For Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, and Representatives to the General Court, and in town affairs, to meet at the town Hall at one OClock in the afternoon on monday the tenth day of November next, to give in their votes to the selectmen for a Representative to represent district No. 4 in the Congress of the united states.

Also. To Give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and five Senators and Counsellors, for the Middlesex district,

To give in their votes for a Representative to Represent this town in the General Court next to be holden in Boston on the first wednesday of January next.

To Act on Town affairs Viz

1st To give in their Votes for a Moderator of the Meeting.

2nd By request of the Overseers of the Poor To see if the town will build some appropriate ~~place~~ room on the premises of the Poor farm, to be used for disorderly Persons,

3d To see if the town will raise any money to be expended on the Great roads the present season,

4th by request of Joshua Page and others to see if the town will divide the Centre school district or do any thing respecting the same,

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon, unto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting, Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this twenty seventh day of October A.D. 1834

Amos Hartwell Selectmen
Albert Bacon of
John P. Reed said Bedfo

Middlesex Ss. November 1st. 1834
by virtue of the foregoing warrant, I have warned and notified all the inhabitants of the town of Bedford by posting copies of said warrant in the two Congregational Meetinghouses in Bedford, to appear at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned,

Cyrus Page Constable of Bedford
a true Copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov 10th. 1834

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant & notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the articles therein contained in the following Manner Viz 1st their votes were brought in to the selectmen for a Representative to represent district No 4 in the Congreſs of the united states being sorted and counted were for the following Persons Viz

Heman Lincoln of Seventy Six Votes	76
James Ruſsell of Westcambridge twenty four ,,	24
Samuel Hoar of Concord Seven ,,	7

For Governor

Hon John Bailey of Dorchester Sixty two votes	62
,, John Davis of Worcester twenty two ,,	22
Marcus Morton of Taunton twenty three ,,	23
Samuel C Allen Northfield two	2

For Lieutenant Governor

George Odiorne Fifty nine votes	59
William W. Thompson of Northhampton twentyseven	27
Samuel T Armstrong of Boston twenty four ,,	24

For Senators & Counſellors

Burrage yale forty nine Votes	49
John Clark forty nine	49
Thomas A Staples thirty seven	37

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John Wade	thirty six votes		36
Stephen Pope	forty nine	"	49
William Austin	forty four	"	44
Levi Farwell	forty seven	"	47
Jonathan Hartwell	thirty three	"	33
Oliver M. Whipple	thirty three	"	33
Eleazer Brooks	thirty two	"	32
		"	
Daniel Shattuck	twenty	"	20
Nathaniel Austin	twenty two	"	22
Elihu Cutler	twenty two	"	22
Sidney Willard	twenty two	"	22
John P. Robinson	twenty one	"	21
Caleb Wakefield	four	"	4
William Munroe	four	"	4
Stephen Goodhue	four	"	4
David Townsend	four	"	4
Nahum Hardy	one	"	1

For Representative to the General Court

Whole No of Votes were		113
William Page had	59 Votes	
Reuben Bacon	38 "	
Timothy Page	12 "	
Amos Hartwell	4 "	
Necessary to a Choice		57

William Page was declared Chosen

Town affairs

1st Amos Hartwell was Chosen Moderator

2d On the subject of building a room for disorderly Persons Voted that the Overseers be authorized to make provision for building such room as they may think best for the town

3d on the subject of repairing the Great roads Voted that the agent appointed at last spring Meeting be authorized to make necessary repairs and present his bill to the selectmen for allowance

Novr. Meeting Continued

article 4th Respecting the centre school district
Voted that a Committee of three from the Centre and two from each of the other school districts be chosen to take the subject into consideration And make report on the same at next March Meeting Chose Bela Gardner, Silas Dudley, Joshua Page Elijah Skelton, Michael Crosby Joel Fitch Oliver W. Lane Eleazer Davis Ebenezer Hayward Roger Lane & Amos Hartwell a Committee for that purpose Having finished the busineſs for which they had Met

Voted that the Meeting be diſsolv

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Decr. 15th 1834

[LS] Middlesex Ss To Cyrus Page a Constable of of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts (in pursuance of a precept from John Davis Governor of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts dated November 22nd 1834) to notify and warn in the usual way. All the Inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the Constitution and laws to Vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, to aſsemble at the town Hall in said town, on Monday the 15th Inst, at three O Clock P. M. to Give in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Representative, to represent the Inhabitants of Congreſsional district No four, in the Congreſs of the united States, for two years from the third day of March 1835.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, unto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting, Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this fourth day of December A. D. 1834.,

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Albert Bacon } of
John P. Reed } Bedford

Middlesex Ss December 15th. 1834

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notifeed the said Inhabitants of the town of Bedford to meet at the time & place therein specified by posting up notice of said Warrant in each of the Public Meeting houses in said town nine days before the date hereof

Cyrus Page Constable of Bedford

A true Copy att Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting Decr. 15th. 1834

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant & notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and brought in their votes to the selectmen for a Representative to represent Congreſsional district No 4, in the Congreſs of the United States which were sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed and were for the following Persons Viz

For	Hon Samuel Hoar of Concord	twenty three	votes	23
	Heman Lincoln	twenty	"	20
	James Ruſsell of West Cambridge	Nine	"	9
	George Simonds	three	"	3
	Timothy Fuller	two	"	2

A true Record att Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

February 9th 1835

Warrant for Parish Meeting

(S.S.) Middlesex S.s. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford who are qualified to Vote in the affairs of the first Parish in said Town (by posting a copy of this warrant in the Meeting House as usual) to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the ninth day of February next at 6 O clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz

1st to Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd To see What instructions the Parish will give their Committee respecting the supply of the desk in future and transact any other business relating to Parish affairs they may think best.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to one of the subscribers on or before the time of said Meeting Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this twenty ninth day of January A.D. 1835

Albert Bacon } Selectmen
John P. Reed } of
Bedford

Middlesex S.s. January 31st 1835
By Virtue of the foregoing warrant I have notified and Warned All the Inhabitants of said Bedford qualified to Vote as within directed by posting a Copy of said Warrant in the Meeting House, to assemble at the time place and for the purposes therein specified

John Bacon
Constable of Bedford

a true Copy,
Reuben Bacon
Town Clerk

Parish Meeting Feby 9th 1835

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants Met and acted on the on the articles therein contained in the following manner Viz

1st Choose John Merriam Moderator

2nd Voted that further Means for the supply of the desk be Obtained by Subscription the members of the Parish Present now to have opportunity to subscribe and that a Committee of five circulate papers in the several school districts and return the amount subscribed to the Committee on the first Monday in March. and that Jona Bacon John P. Reed Abel Fitch Roger Lane & John Reed be a Committee to receive Subscriptions as aforesaid

Voted that the Committee of Supply be authorized to make further arangment for the continuance of the Service of Revd Mr Walcott if they think best.

the proceedings of the Meeting were read & the Meeting disolved

A true Record, Reuben Bacon, Town Clerk

Record Carried to Page 139

We the Subscribers, Samuel Stearns & Oliver Reed, in his capacity as Guardian to Nathan O. Reed & Mary Reed, his Children, minors both of Bedford in the County of Middlesex Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby agree to make the following division of the Fences between said Stearns land, and land owned by said Minors, that is to say, said Stearns shall support the fence begining at the Highway which leads from Bedford Meeting house to Concord, and extending Eastwardly as far as the east end of the bars as they now stand being fifty two rods, and said Minors shall support the rest of said division fences running from said bars to the easterly end of said Stearns land. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this twelfth day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty six

Attest Elijah Stearns
Mather Hayward

Samuel Stearns
Oliver Reed,

Know all men ~~by these presents~~ that we Jeremiah Fitch & Elijah Stearns have Made and do hereby make, the following division in the fence or Stone wall, running from land of Silas Dudley Southerly Westerly & Northerly to land of Leander Hosmer between our adjoining land in Bedford. viz. said Stearns agree to support & maintain all the wall on the easterly side of his land, running from said Dudleys land to the South-easterly corner of said Stearns land, being fifty six rods. also twelve rods of the wall running from said corner on the southerly side of his land to a Stake & Stones, and Fitch agrees to support & maintain all the remainder of said wall running from said Stake & Stones westerly & Northerly to said Hosmers land, being fifty three rods, and we do hereby severally bind ourselves and our heirs and assigns forever, to support said wall or division fence according to the above division.

Bedford Sept. 21th 1829

Jeremiah Fitch
Elijah Stearns

attest Josiah Munroe,

Division Lines 1832

Memorandum of an agreement made this twenty sixth day of March A.D. 1832, by and between, Aaron Kittredge, on the one part, & John P. Buttrick on the other, both of Bedford, witneſseth, that whereas there is a division fence needed on the line that divides the lands of the said Kittredge, and the said Buttrick, in said Bedford, it is now agreed that the westerly part of said fence shall be erected and supported by the said Kittredge, he to build and support three rods more than the one half of said fence, and the easterly part by the said Buttrick, the said Buttrick is to erect a pair of bars for the said Kittredge to paſs this land, but the said Kittredge is to support the bars forever afterwards and this agreement, being recorded in the office of the town Clerk of the said town of Bedford, shall be perpetually binding upon the several owners of the said lots of land their heirs and aſsigns forever

Witneſs our hands & seal the day & year above written

Att William Webber
april 1st 1832
a true Copy of Original
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Signed Aaron Kittredge (LS)
John P. Buttrick (LS)

Bedford July 4th 1832

This day Isaac H Page, and Joseph B Hodgman, have agreed to divide the Line & fence between their Land as follows, the said Page is to begin at the road and extend easterly fifty three & one half rods, being one half the length of the dividing Line, between their Lands, and said Hodgman is to take the residue of said line, each agreeing with the other, their Heirs, executors, and aſsigns, forever to maintain and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence, Signed and delivered to the Town Clerk of Bedford to be by him recorded this fourth day of July A.D. 1833.

a true copy of original
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Signed { Joseph B Hodgman
Isaac H Page

Know all men by these Presents that we Caleb Blake on the one part and John Reed on the other part both of Bedford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts have for ourselves, our heirs executors administrators & aſsigns agreed to establish the following to be the bounds between the parties in the Cary swamp so called Viz beginning at a stake and stones a little north of a stone wall by said Blakes land thence running straight nearly by an old ditch to stake in the centre of the Mingo ditch so called thence by said Mingo ditch to the corner of a Meadow belonging to Eleazer Davis

The parties do hereby for themselves severally and for their Several heirs and aſsigns agree to quitclaim to each other their heirs & aſsigns any and every supposed claim different from the line above described

In Witneſs whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three

Signed Sealed &c, Caleb Blake L S
in presence of us
John Merriam John Reed L S
Joseph Brown
A true Copy Attest. Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

We the Subscribers, Fence Viewers for the Town of Bedford. by request of John A. Merriam having Met for the purpose of dividing a line of fence to be built & supported between said Merriam, & Moses Hayward, the said Hayward having had due notice and was present, do hereby aſsign to each the following portions to be built & supported by the parties Viz, Said Hayward is to begin at the road and run northerly two rods & one foot, Said Merriam is to take the next four rods, said Hayward the next two rods, to the end of the wall at the corner of his Barn, Merriam is next to take half the distance from thence, to the north Wall, by land of David Fitch, And said Hayward the other half.

Given under Our hands at Bedford this twenty ninth day of August A D, 1833

Bedford August 29th 1833 We the Subscribers hereby signify our acceptance of the above division, and request the same to be recorded by the Town Clerk.
signed John A. Merriam
Moses Hayward
att. R Bacon

Eliab B. Lane Fence
Joseph Brown Viewers
Moses Page for the
town of Bedf.

Copy R Bacon Town Clerk

The following lines describe a division of fences between Elijah Stearns and Willard Buttrick and Elijah Stearns and Eleazer Fiske as agreed upon by the parties Viz said Stearns half of the wall or fence begining at the northeast corner of his lot at land of said Fiske thence running westerly by land of Willard Buttrick to the end of an Old Wall the west side of the Slough, the remainder from said Slough to to Joseph Browns land to be said Buttricks fence hereafter. Also on the east side of said Stearns Lot begining at the road thence running northerly by land of Eleazer Fiske to the end of a new stone wall being said Stearns half or share of ~~the division~~ fence between him and said Fiske. the residue from the aforesaid wall to Land of Willard Buttrick is said Fiskes half of or share of the division fence between them

Signed Elijah Stearns

the above division of fence is agreed upon by the parties above mentioned, and Signed by them at Bedford this twenty fifth day of March A.D. 1831

Willard Buttrick
Eleazer Fiske

a true Copy attest

Reuben Bacon Town Clerk of Bedford

Eliab B Lane and Joel Fitch

Whereas a dispute has arisen between Eliab B. Lane and Thomas Smith alias Joel Fitch both of Bedford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts about their respective rights in a partition fence in the line between their lands or farms lying west of the Carlisle road in said Bedford We the subscribers fence viewers of Bedford duly chosen and sworn having on the application of the said Lane (and after having given the said Fitch due notice and both parties being present) viewed the premises and duly considered the matter in dispute, have assigned and do hereby assign to each of ~~the~~ said parties his share of said fence Viz Beginning at the Carlisle road between said Lanes & Fitches houses thence running westerly fifty eight rods and three fourths to a Stake on the north side of the main wall which

We aſsign to said Lane thence from said Stake westerly to an elm tree at the end of the wall by the swamp thence from said tree southerly to land of Silas Wilkins seventy two and three fourths rods which We aſsign to said Fitch also begining at land of Timothy Page on the south side of said Fitches farm thence running westerly to a stake in the centre of the wall twenty one and a half rods which We aſsign to said Fitch And it appearing to us that the said Lane is owner or propriector of more than one half of the value of the fence now on their division line We therefore determine that the said Joel Fitch shall pay the said Eliab B Lane ten dollars and that each of the parties shall hereafter build and keep in repair the portions allotted to them, and by an agreement of the parties when the fence is built or reset it shall be set in a straight line

Given under Our hands this Ninth day of May A D 1836

John P. Reed

Oliver W. Lane

a true Copy
attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Cyrus Page & Benjamin A Webber

This agreement made this first day of November between Cyrus Page and Benjamin A Webber describing the division of fence as this day agreed upon by the said Page & Webber said fence is the line upon the north side of a piece of Pasture of Cyrus Page and the South side of a field of tillage and mowing land and a pasture of Benjamin A Webber And the said Page and Webber do hereby agree that the said Webber shall take the west end of said fence thence runing easterly by said Wall eight feet & three Inches beyond the Centre of said lot of mowing & tillage land and the said Page Shall take the remainder against said lot runing easterly to the pasture of said Webber then the said Webber shall take the west end against the pasture twenty two feet east of the Centre of his Pasture and the said Page shall take the remainder to the east end of the pasture up to the wall against the land of Job Webber & Cyrus Page and the said

over

— Page & Webber do both agree to maintain support and Keep in Good repair his own part of said fence Signed and delivered this first day of November Eighteen hundred and thirty Six

Benj^a A Webber
Cyrus Page

a true Copy of Original Delivered me for Record Nov^r 1^st 1836
attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Memorandum of an agreement made this fifth day of April, A.D. 1837, by and between [illegible] Poor of the Town of Bradford [illegible] Joseph Hazeltine of said Bradford on the other, That whereas there is a division [illegible] that divides the farm of the said Town of Bradford and the farm of the said Joseph [illegible] it is now agreed that the [illegible] of the town said fence [illegible] shall be supported by said Joseph Hazeltine, thence from said wall easterly through the swamp about sixty eight rods to the [illegible] wall, shall be supported by the said Town of Bradford, thence from said wall easterly to the corner of Land of Nathaniel Pages, shall be supported by said Joseph Hazeltine and this agreement being recorded in the [illegible] of the said Town of Bradford shall be perpetually binding upon the several owners of the said farms their heirs and assigns forever

Witness our hands & seals the day & year aforesaid

John P. Reed } Overseers of
Caleb Lee } the Poor of
Attest William Gragg Eldridge Bacon } Bradford
1838

Rec^d for Record April 8th 1838

A true Copy attest Reuben Bacon
Clerk of the Town of
Bradford

Memorandum Bedford May 26th 1841 This day Capt. Cyrus Page and Amasa Lane both of Bedford, have agreed upon the following division of Fence between their adjoining lands situated in the easterly part of said Bedford near the Shawsheen River. as follows, begining at the northeast corner of Land of Joseph Hodgman, and the north west Corner of said Lanes Land; thence running east on the line 28½ rods to a large Stone in the wall which is to maintained and forever Kept in repair by Amasa Lane his heirs and aſsigns, thence still east to the Shawshee River about thirty rods and acroſs said river as the line runs between Said Lane & Page & acroſs the meadow to the Pine hill road so called, All which is to be built and Kept in repair forever by said Cyrus Page his heirs and aſsigns, and the said Page hereby Acknowledges the receipt of five dollars of the said Amasa Lane as full compensation for taking the last named part of the fence to be built and maintained as above described, in witneſs whereof we have subscribed this agreement the day & year above written in Presence of

Reuben Bacon
Cyrus Page
Amasa Lane

a true Copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Line of fence between Joseph B Hodgman and Amasa Lane Divided March 14th 1842 begining at the northeast corner of Elm Brook Bridge Running northeasterly 22 rods to a Stake and Stones set off to Joseph B Hodgman thence 37½ Rods Northeasterly to a stake and stones by an Oak tree side of the wall set off to Amasa Lane thence Northeasterly to the Corner by Page, Hodgman, & L, 14½ Rods set off to Joseph B Hodgman All parties being present and agreed to the above division in my presence

John W Simonds Surveyor
Joseph B Hodgman
Amasa Lane

A true Copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Bedford October 1st 1842
Be it remembered that David Fitch of Bedford and Timothy Page of said Bedford, have this day agreed to a division of fence between the adjoining lands of said David Fitch and Heirs of Jeremiah Fitch late of Bedford being the lands lying on the south side of the road leading from Bedford to Boston, and formerly belonging to Roger Reed, said David Fitch agrees to begin at the road aforesaid on the wall dividing said lands and take half the wall, and said Page in behalf of said heirs agrees to take the other half of said Wall, and from the end of said Wall to a stake and stones in the Meadow by a Maple tree, thence from said stake & stones to the woods & south end of the line, said David Fitch agrees to take, and Maintain each their respective parts as herein described also at the West end of said David Fitches Meadow where said lands join about fifty two feet, said David Fitch agrees to support twenty six feet, at the east end as his part of the same, and said Heirs the other

David Fitch
Timothy Page for said Heirs

a true Copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

A division of Fence between the subscribers Begining at the great road at the foot of Roger Reeds Hill so Called, beginning at the road and running southerly on a Wall as it now stands about sixty rods & ending on land of Jeremiah Fitch Said Nathan Fitch agrees to support one half beginning at the road & running half the distance and Said Albert Bacon agrees to support the other half to Said Heirs of Jeremiah Fitches Land

A Bacon
Bedford Sept 2nd 1843 Nathan Fitch
a true Copy
Recorded Sept 2nd 1843 attest Reuben Bacon Town Cler

Be it remembered that Nathan O Reed as Guardian for the Heirs of Abel Fitch. And Nathan Fitch. Both of Bedford have this day divided the line of fence on the adjoining lands of the Heirs aforesaid and said Nathan Fitch being the Roger Reed Land Said Nathan O Reed agrees to take for said Heirs to build & support thirty one rods & one foot begining at an Elm tree at the road near the stone Bridge And extending on the line southerly towards lands of Thos Stiles with liberty to set the fence on the line And said Nathan Fitch agrees to take the residue to land of said Stiles to build and maintain forever each one their respective parts as before described It is understood by the parties that the said Nathan O Reed is to build & Maintain three more of said Line of fence than said Nathan Fitch in Witness whereof we have set our hands hereunto this thirtieth day of August - A D. 1843 to be recorded on the town Book in Bedford

Nathan O Reed
A true Copy of Original Nathan Fitch

Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Pursuant to a request made to the Undersigned fence Viewers, for the Town of Bedford, by Roger Lane and David Fitch, to divide the Fence between their estates, and assign the support of the same: We have examined said Line and find the whole length to be Eighty-six rods. We divide and assign to David Fitch the Easterly part of said line, beginning at the Town road and running Westerly across the river thirty eight rods to a Wall on Lanes land. We assign to Roger Lane the Westerly part of said line, commencing at the last mentioned bounds, and running westerly forty eight rods.
The parties acquiesce in the above division, and mutually agree to support the same

Given under our hands, at Bedford, the 23rd day of April A.D. 1845.

Nathl. C. Cutler } Fence
P. W. Chamberlain } Viewers

A true Copy of original
Attest Joel Fitch Town Clerk

Perambulation of Town lines

October 5th. 1829. The lines between the Towns of Bedford and Burlington, were perambulated, and the bounds renewed. to the satisfaction of the parties. by William Webber Esq
John Webber } of Bedford
and David Skelton }
George McIntier } of Burlington

Concord & Bedford

1829 The subscribers in behalf of the Towns of Concord and Bedford being legally appointed for that purpose Met, and perambulated and surveyed the line, and renewed the bounds, by putting up stone monuments, marked with the initials of the said Towns agreably to the law of the Commonwealth at the several angles, to the satisfaction of both parties, said line begins at the bound being the corner of Concord Lincoln and Bedford and runs north 37¼ deg. West, 200 Rods, to an angle, thence north 54, West 37½ Rods to an angle, thence north [illegible] deg west [illegible] Rods to an angle, thence north 42, West 51 Rods to an angle, thence north 90 Deg west 38 Rods to an angle, thence north [illegible] west [illegible] Rods to an angle, thence north 65 deg west 56 Rods to an angle, thence north 37 West 73½ Rods to an angle, at the road near Mathew Haywards thence north [illegible] deg. east [illegible] Rods to an angle, thence north [illegible] deg West 99 Rods to an angle, thence north 77 deg west [illegible] to an angle, thence north 19 deg. east 24 Rods to Concord River,

Copy of Original
Recorded by Reuben Bacon
Town Clerk

[illegible] } in behalf of Concord
[illegible] }
Reuben Bacon } Selectmen of Bedford
Amos Hartwell }

Bedford & Billerica

1829 The subscribers hereby certify that they perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between the Towns of Bedford & Billerica by erecting stone Monuments at the angles viz

1st [illegible] Stone Monument [illegible]

2nd A Stone erected at Courtneys corner so called in the road between the widow Anna Spauldings and the House occupied by Joseph Wilson Marked B.B.

Carried up

3d A Stone erected by the side of the wall on the north
-erly side of the same road a little west of said
Wilsons house markd B. B.
4th A Stone erected in the meadow now or formerly
owned by John Bacon markd B. B.
5th A Stone erected at the corner of a wall a little
south of said Bacons House markd B. B.
6th A stone erected at the corner of a wall near
the wheeler House markd B. B.
7th A stone erected in or near the corner of a lot of
land near the Col Silas Richardson House Markd
B. B.
8th A Stone erected in a meadow at the shawsheen
river Markd B. B.
9th A stone erected in the same meadow by said
River Markd B. B.
10th A stone erected on the south side of said River
about fourteen rods therefrom in land of
Mr McIntire markd B. B.
11th A Stone erected at the Corner of land of Dr
Michael Crosby markd B. B.
12th A stone erected at the Corner of Billerica
Bedford & Burlington Markd B. B. B.

Copy of Original
Recorded by
Reuben Bacon
Town Clerk

Marshall Preston
Ichabod Everett
Selectmen of Billerica

John Bacon
Oliver W. Lane
appointed by Selectmen Of Bedford

1830 Perambulation of Town lines between
Bedford & Lexington

Be it remembered that on the 16th day of august
1830, the selectmen of Lexington and Bedford perambul
-ated the boundary lines between said Towns, and erected
monuments as follows, Viz, Commencing at a stone post
at the corner of Lincoln, Bedford, and Lexington,
a few rods southeast of Dea Hartwells House in Bedford,
thence over the Hill north of said Hartwells and through
wood land of John Merriam Esq, crossing Curley brook
near the dam thence through wood land of said —

— Merriam, to a meadow near Roger Lanes House in Bedford, thence in a ditch to a stone post, thence making an angle, to a stone post south of William Pages House in Bedford, on the old County road, thence making an angle to a stone post on the County road leading to Bedford, thence on the same course to a Stone post in the corner of the wall on the hill, thence by a Wall in a straight line to a stone post at the corner of Bedford Burlington and Lexington north of the Grimes House by an Old cellar.

Benjamin O. Wellington } Selectmen

John Mullican }

Recorded by Reuben — Bacon Clerk of the Town of Bedford

Reuben Bacon } Selectmen of Bedford
Amos Hartwell }

Nov^r. 13^th. 1830 Perambulation of lines between the Towns of Bedford & Lincoln

Be it remembered that on the day above written the Subscribers being legally authorized; met and perambulated the lines between the Towns of Bedford, & Lincoln, and erected stone Monuments at the several angles, Viz, begining at the corner of Lexington Lincoln & Bedford and running north 6½ Deg west 83 Rods to a Stone post Mark^d B. L. thence south 14 Deg west 10½ rods thence south 73½ West 27¼ Rods. thence north 40 Deg West 14 Rods thence south 81½ Deg west 9 Rods, thence north 27 Deg west 5 Rods, thence, south 63 Deg west 20 Rods, thence north 22 Deg west 37½ rods, thence as by an ancient survey to a Stone Monument at the corner of Concord Lincoln and Bedford Mark^d B. C. L.

Charles Wheeler } Selectmen of
Edwin Weston } Lincoln

Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell } of
} Bedford

Recorded by Reuben Bacon
Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Billerica & Bedford hereby certify that we have perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between said towns and found the twelve stone Monuments standing as erected in 1829 as boundaries thereof

October 21st 1834

Marshall Preston
Sewall Stearns } Selectmen of Billerica

Albert Bacon
John P. Reed } Selectmen of Bedford

A true Copy attest Reuben Bacon
Town Clerk

Be it remembered that the subscribers selectmen of the Towns of Bedford and Burlington have this day perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between said Towns and found the two stone Monuments standing as erected in 1829, and also erected one on the line by the road leading from Mr Blodgets Mills to the Turnpike and acknowledge the same as the boundaries thereof

Novr 20th 1834

Abner Shed
Daniel McIntire } Selectmen of Burlington

Amos Hartwell
Albert Bacon } Selectmen of Bedford

A true Copy Attest
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

We the Subscribers have Met this day for the purpose of Perambulating the lines between Concord & Bedford and have found the bounds Correct and to Our satisfaction.

December 24th 1834

Amos Hartwell
John P. Reed } Selectmen of Bedford

Joseph Barrett
Daniel Clark
Cyrus Hubbard } Selectmen of Concord

A true Copy Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Perambulation of Town Lines 1835

Be it remembered, that We the Subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Bedford and Lincoln, have this fifteenth day of September, A.D. 1835, Met, for the purpose of perambulating, and runing the line and renewing the Marks between our said Towns, have attended that service and have found the stone Monument at Lexington Corner Mark'd L B L, Also the eight stone Monuments at the several angles between our said towns, marked L B. and also the stone Monument at the Concord Corner, Markd. C. B. L, and are satisfied with the situation they are in, and also with the Marks thereon,

Jonas Smith
Samuel Hartwell } Selectmen of Lincoln

A true Copy of Original
attest. Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Amos Hartwell
Albert Bacon } Selectmen of Bedford

Be it remembered, that on the 30th day of Septr 1835, The Selectmen of Bedford, and Lexington, perambulated the boundary lines between said Towns (and erected stone Monuments where a renual was neceſsary) as follows, Viz, begining at a stone post at the corner of Lincoln, Bedford, & Lexington, a few Rods south of Dea Hartwells House in Bedford, thence over the hill north of said Hartwells, and through wood land of John Merriam Esq, croſsing Farley brook near the dam, thence through Wood lands of said Merriam to a Meadow near Roger Lanes House in Bedford, thence on a ditch to a stone post, thence making an angle to a stone Post south of Wm Pages House in Bedford on the old County road leading to Bedford, thence making an angle to a stone post by the traveled road, thence on the same course to a stone post in the corner of a wall on the hill, thence by a wall on a straight line to a stone post at the corner of Bedford, Burlington, & Lexington, north of the Grimes House by the Old cellar.

a true Copy
attest. Reuben Bacon
Town Clerk

Amos Hartwell
John P. Reed } Selectmen of Bedford

Joel Viles
Phillip Ruſsell } Selectmen of Lexington

Bedford Novr 13th 1839 We the Subscribers have met this day for the purpose of Perambulating the lines between Concord, and Bedford, and have left the bounds correct to our satisfaction

Oliver R Abbott } Selectmen of
David Rice } Bedford

Cyrus Stow } Selectmen of
Daniel Clark } Concord

a true Copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Bedford, and Billerica, hereby Certify that we have perambulated the line and renewed the bounds between Said Towns and found the twelve stone monuments standing, erected 1829, as the boundaries thereof,

October 23d 1839

Oliver R Abbott } Selectmen of
David Rice } Bedford

Marshall Preston } Selectmen of
Sewall Stearns } Billerica

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Burlington, and Bedford, hereby certify that we have perambulated the line and renewed the bounds between the Said Towns, and found the three stone monuments standing erected as the boundaries thereof.

Daniel Mc Intire, } Selectmen of
Nahum Jenison, } Burlington,

October 30th 1839.

Oliver R Abbott, } Selectmen of
David Rice, } Bedford,

a true copy Attest Reuben Bacon Clerk of the Town of Bedford

Be it remembered that on the seventeenth day of September, 1840, the Selectmen of Lexington, and Bedford, Perambulated the Boundary lines between said towns and erected Stone Monuments where a renewal was necessary as follows viz, Commencing at a stone post at the corner of Lincoln, Bedford, and Lexington, a few rods South of Deacon Hartwells house, and through land of said Hartwell in Bedford, thence over the hill north of said Hartwell and through woodland of John Merriam Esquire, crossing Farley Brook near the dam thence through land of said Merriam in Bedford, thence on a ditch to a Stone post, thence Making an angle to a Stone post near William Pages on the Elm road, thence a Straight line to a Stone post on the road leading from Bedford to Lexington thence on the same Course to a Stone post, in the corner of the wall on the hill, thence by a wall in a Straight Line to a Stone post at the corner of Lexington Burlington and Bedford, north of the Grimes house by an Old Cellar

Phillips Russell } Selectmen of
Benj^a Muzzy } Lexington

Nath^l C. Cutler } Selectmen of
Michael Crosby } Bedford

A true Copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk of Bedford

We The subscribers, Selectmen of Bedford and Burlington, hereby certify that we have perambulated said towns, and found the Stone Monuments standing as erected,

Amos B. Cutler } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell } of Bedford

Wm. Nichols } Selectmen of
Nathan Simonds } Burlington

A true Copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Be it remembred that we the Subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Bedford and Lincoln have this third day of October AD 1845 met for the purpose of perambulating and running the line and renewing the bounds and marks between our said towns have attended that service, and have found the Stone Monnument at Lexington Bedford and Lincoln corner marked L. B. L. also the Eight Stone monnuments at the several angles between our said towns marked L. B. and also the Stone Monnument at the Concord Bedford and Lincoln corner marked C. B. L. and are satisfied with the situation they are in, and also satisfied with the marks thereon,

Abel Wheeler }
Wm Foster } Selectmen of Lincoln

Amos Hartwell }
John P. Reed } Selectmen of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Joseph Brown jr Town Clerk

Be it remembered that on the seventh Day of October 1845 that the Selectmen of Lexington and Bedford perambulated the Line between said Towns and found the Monument at the Lexington Lincoln and Bedford Corner marked L. L. B. also two Monuments at the two angles between said Towns marked L. B. also one Monument on the great Road near the House of William Page on a straight line marked L. B. and also the Monument at the Lexington Burlington and Bedford Corner marked W. L. B. and are satisfied with the condition they are in and with the marks thereon

Pelatiah P. Peirce (
Albert W. Bryant (Selectmen of Lexington

Amos Hartwell
Jona Bacon (Selectmen of Bedford

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles (Town Clerk

We the subscribers met this twenty seventh day of August A.D. 1846 for the purpose of Perambulating the boundary lines between Concord & Bedford & have found the bound marks to be correct & to our satisfaction

F. R. Gourgas } Selectmen
Joseph Darby } of Concord

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
John P. Reed } of Bedford

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the subscribers Selectmen of Billerica and Bedford hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the lines between said towns and find the twelve stone monuments standing according to law

Bedford Oct 15th 1849

Sewell Stearns } Selectmen
for Jona Hill } of
Dudley Foster } Billerica

Isaac P Bacon } Selectmen
Benjamin Davis } of Bedford

A true copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the subscribers Selectmen of Bedford and Burlington have examined the bounds between said towns and find them in accordance with the Laws of the Commonwealth

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
Isaac P. Bacon } of Bedford

Wm. Nichols } Selectmen
George Gleason } of Burlington

Bedford October 29th 1849

A true Copy attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Be it remembered that on the third day of September 1850 the Selectmen of Lexington and Bedford Perambulated the boundary lines between said towns and find the monuments standing at the several angles viz. Commencing at a stone Post at the corner of Lincoln Bedford & Lexington a few rods south of Dea. Amos Hartwells House and through land of said Hartwell in Bedford thence over the hill north of said Hartwells & through woodland of John Merriam Esqr. crossing Vine Brook near the dam thence through woodland of said Merriam in Bedford thence on a ditch to a Stone Post thence making an angle to stone post near William Pages House in Bedford thence to a stone Post on the road from Lexington to Bedford thence to a Stone Post in the corner of a wall on the Hill thence by a wall in a straight line to a Stone Post at the corner of Bedford Burlington and Lexington north of Daniel Cummings House by an old Cellar.

Philip Russell } Selectmen
S. W. Robinson } of
Joseph Howe } Lexington

Lexington September 3
1850

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
P. W. Chamberlin } of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the undersigned have met and perambulated the line between Bedford and Concord. and found all the bounds described in the report of the perambulation for the year 1829 apparently in the same places in which they were then put We find however that the description in said report is incomplete and that the boundary continues on the last course mentioned in it to the middle of the River and runs thence Northerly by the middle of the river to the boundary between Concord and Carlisle Also we have placed an intermediate bound Stone N 10½ E referred to the true meridian 99½ links from the last angle mentioned in said report to indicate the course to the angle in the River all to the satisfaction of both parties this sixth day of October 1851

Thomas Stiles }
P. W. Chamberlin } Selectmen of Bedford,

A. A. Kelsey }
Henry D. Thoreau } in behalf of Concord

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Be it remembered that on the 6th day of October 1851 the Selectmen of Bedford and Lincoln Perambulated the boundary lines between said towns and find the Monuments standing at the several angles in accordance with the Laws of this Commonwealth.

Thomas Stiles }
P. W. Chamberlin } Selectmen of Bedford

Amos Hagar Jr }
William H. Wheeler } Selectmen of Lincoln

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the subscribers Selectmen of Billerica and Bedford hereby certify that we have examined the bounds on the line between said towns and find the stone monuments at the several angles in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth.

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
Charles Spalding } of Bedford
Thomas J Jenkins } Selectmen
Edward Spalding } of Billerica

Billerica September 14th 1854

A true copy, Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the subscribers Selectmen of Bedford and Burlington hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the lines between said towns and find the stone monuments standing at the several angles in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth.

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
Charles Spalding } of Bedford
Nathan Blanchard } Selectmen
David Skelton for } of
William Winn Jr } Burlington

Bedford October 21st 1854

A true copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Be it remembered that on the twenty secon
day of November A D 1855 the Selectmen of
Bedford and Lexington Re ambulated the
boundary lines between said towns and find
the Monuments standing at the several angles
viz Commencing at a Stone post at the corn
of Lincoln Bedford & Lexington a few rods south
of the House of Amos Hartwell thence through land
of said Hartwell in Bedford continuing over the hill
North of said Hartwell through wood land of Elding Mer
-iam crossing Farley Brook near the dam thence
through Woodland of said Merriam thence on a
ditch to a Stone post thence making an angle
to a Stone Post near the William Page House in
Bedford thence to a Stone Post on the road from
Lexington to Bedford thence to a Stone Monument
in the corner of a wall on the hill by land of
Chamberlin & Billings & Samuel B. Reed thence
by a wall and continuing on a Straight line to
a Stone Post at the corner of Bedford Burling
& Lexington North of the house of Daniel
Cummings by an old Cellar

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
P. W. Chamberlin } of Bedford

Joel Viles } Selectmen
Isaac N. Damon } of Lexington

Bedford November 22d 1855

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford and Lincoln hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the lines between said Towns and find the stone monuments standing at the several angles in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth.

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
Charles Spalding } of Bedford

William F. Wheeler } Selectmen
William Foster } of Lincoln

Bedford October 18th 1856

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the undersigned Selectmen of Concord and Bedford met this thirtieth day of December 1856 and perambulated the lines between said Towns and the stone monuments at the several angles standing in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen
Charles Spalding } of Bedford

Joel W. Walcott } Selectmen
Saml Staples } of Bedford

A True Copy attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen in Bedford and Billerica hereby certify that we have perambulated the lines between said Towns and find the twelve Stone Monuments standing according to law

Bedford September 12th 1859

Benjn F. Judkins } Selectmen
Dudley Foster } of Billerica

Wm A Stearns } Selectmen
Wm M Ashby } of Bedford

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Bedford and Burlington hereby certify that we have perambulated the lines between said Towns and find the Stone Monuments standing according to law

Wm A Stearns } Selectmen
Wm M Ashby } of Bedford

Nathan Blanchard } Selectmen
John Wood } of Burlington

Bedford Sept 23 1859

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Nov 19th 1861

Charles Hudson and William Henry Smith Selectmen of Lexington and Oliver J. Lane & William M. Ashby Selectmen of Bedford met near the house of Daniel Cummings in Lexington at 1 O'clock P.M. and proceeded to view the Monuments bounding the said towns. We found a guide stone near said Cummings marked L. B. B. the initials of Lexington Bedford and Burlington thence to a Monument easterly of the Cemetery in Bedford marked L. B. thence to a Monument beside the County road near the old Page place so called; thence to a Monument standing beside a meadow and easterly of the house of Calvin Nurse; thence to the corner Monument of the Towns of Lexington Bedford & Lincoln in the pasture some 60 rods S.E. of Dea. A. Hartwell marked L. B. L.

Those Monuments were all duly marked with the initials of the Towns they are designed to separate and are in good condition. The Monument on the main road between Lexington and Bedford is an intermediate bound to denote the line upon the public way

Charles Hudson } Selectmen
W. Henry Smith 2d } of Lexington

Wm. M. Ashby } Selectmen
Oliver J. Lane } of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant For March Meeting 1835

L.S. Middlesex S.s To Cyrus Page a Constable of the Town of Bedford, Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn (by posting copies of this warrant in each of the congregational Meetinghouses in Bedford) all the Inhabitants of said town who are qualified by the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth to Vote for County treasurer and in town affairs and for town officers to meet at the town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the second day of March next at one O clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

2nd To bring in their votes for a County treasurer for the Year ensuing,

3d To choose all town officers for the year ensuing,

4th To direct the manner of repairing the roads and Bridges the ensuing year,

5th To raise Money for the repair of the roads and Bridges the ensuing year,

6th To see if the town will restrain neat cattle and horses from going at large on the common lands and highways the ensuing year,

7th To determine the mode of collecting taxes the ensuing year

8th To see if the town will let the unimproved common lands on the new stable ground (so called)

9th Upon the request of Capt. [illegible] To see if the town will lay up the wall against land where the surveyors have taken away gravel,

10th Upon the request of Obed Pollard To see if the town will direct the surveyors of Highways to remove any and all incumbrances which may be in the Highways, article 11th to hear a report of the Committee respecting schools appointed at the last November Meeting or do any thing respecting schools the town may think best,

12th Upon the request of the Town Treasurer To know what method the town will take to discharge Mr Oliver Pollards debt against the town,

13th Upon the request of Larkin P. Page To see if the town will set out Ornamental trees around the burying Ground or make any alterations or improvements about said Ground,

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at the time of Said Meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Bedford this sixteenth day of February A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty five

Amos Hartwell
Albert Bacon
John P. Reed
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. February 28th 1835

Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified the said Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford to meet at the time & place (by posting up copies of said Warrant at each of the public Meetinghouses in said Town seven days before the date hereof

Cyrus Page Constable of Bedford

A true Copy attest,
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

March 2nd 1835

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and Notice, The Inhabitants of said Bedford Met and acted on the several articles therein contained, in the following Manner Viz,

article 1st Chose Amos Hartwell Moderator by ballot,

2nd The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a County Treasurer Which being sorted & Counted were for the following Persons Viz

For Hon John Keyes of Concord Sixty two votes 62
Amos Farnsworth of Groton twenty three " 23
George Crosby one " 1

3d Whole No of Votes For Town Clerk was ninety five Reuben Bacon had ninety one and was Chosen

Selectmen Amos Hartwell. Albert Bacon and John P. Reed

Voted that the Selectmen shall be assessors for the year ensuing

Treasurer John Bacon

Overseers of the Poor John Merriam Joseph Brown & David Fitch

Constables John Bacon & Cyrus Page

Fire Wards Lewis P. Gleason Ezekiel Sayles & Jonathan Bacon

Surveyors of Lumber Simeon Blodget David Fitch & Jonas Munroe

Cullers of hoops & Staves John W. Hayward Francis B. Goodridge & Benjamin Reed

Fence Viewers Bela Gardner Benjn A. Webber Abel Pollard Edmund Hoar & Roger Lane

* all Marked under their name have been Sworn

March Meeting 1835 continued

Tything Men Oliver K. Lane Charles Spalding
Bela Gardner & Larkin P. Page

Surveyors of Highways Abner B. Lane, Roger
Lane, Simeon Blodget, Artemas
Webber, Liab Lee, Constantine Hill
John P Reed, Benja J Davis Elijah Bacon
& John Merriam,

Field Drivers John P. Reed, Samuel Sage, Benja
A. Webber, Nathan O. Reed & Eldridge Merriam

Hog Reeves, Willard Wilson Joseph Phelps
Nathan Fitch Benja F Hartwell Nathan O. Reed
William A Stearns John Reed & Henry Johnson

article 4th on the Subject of Highways Voted to adopt the same mode as last year excepting an amendment that no discount shall be allowed for the payment of Money instead of Labour the Method is recorded on this Book Page 101

5th To raise Money to repair the highways Voted five hundred dollars be assessed to be expended in the usual way and one hundred dollars be assessed in Money to be expended as last year see Page 101 — $ 500 — $ 100

6th Voted to restrain neat cattle & horses as usual from going at large on the Highways and common lands within the town

7 to determine the mode of Collecting taxes Voted to collect in the same Manner as last year Job Webber was Chosen Collector and is to receive twenty two dollars for his services 22 00

8 to See if the town will let the Stable ground &c. Voted that the Selectmen have the supervision of the same to examine the deed and improve agreeably to the same

Turn over

March Meeting 1835 Continued

9th Capt Joel Fitches request Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to examine & make report at April meeting

10th on Mr Pollards request Voted that the several Surveyors of Highways be Instructed to see that no improper incumbrances remain in the Highways

11th The Committee Report That in Consideration of the large Number of schol ars in the Centre district and inconvenience or their attending any of the other schools, they recomend to divide the Money appropriated by funds or otherwise, Thus,
To allow the centre district 180 dollars, out of every 580, dollars, or in that proportion for a greater or leſs sum, and the remainder to be equally divided among the four remaining districts,
2nd they recomend that the town grant the use of the Town Hall to the Centre district for six Mont in the warm season of the year; Signed Bela Gardner Ch
The Town Voted to accept the the foregoing report.

12 Town Treasurers request The Town Voted to choose a Committee Viz John Bacon, John Merriam, & Michael Crosby, to Borrow money to pay Mr Oliver Pollards debt, on the Credit of the town, to the amount of Two thousand dollars.

13 The request of Larkin P. Page refered to April Meeting next,
Voted that the Meeting be diſsolved

A True Record attest Reuben Bacon Town C

Warrant for April Meeting 1835

(L.S.) Middlesex Ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn all the qualified Voters in the Town of Bedford (by posting Copies in the usual manner) to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the sixth day of april next at one O Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles Viz

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

2nd To raise Money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year,

3d To see if the Town will let out the ringing of the bell on sabbath days, and at noon & nine O Clock in the evening on week days, also at funerals and Town meetings, and the care of the Town Hall; or do any thing respecting the same;

4th Upon the request of Jonathan Bacon and others, to see if the Town will divide the Centre school district, and build another school House; and make an equitable distribution of the Money appropriated for schools among the several school districts or do any thing respecting schools

5th To raise Money for the support of schools the ensuing year.

6th To Choose a School Committee for the year ensuing

7th Upon the request of Nathan O. Reed to See if the Town will permit him to make a Straightening in the road near his house as the same is now marked out:

8th carried to the foot of Page 145

9th Upon the request of Job Webber To know if the Town will repair the old Pound or build a new one

10th To see if the Town will refund to the members of the engine Company in this Town the amount of a poll tax which may be paid by them for the year 1835, agreeably to a law paſs'd in A.D. 1834.

11th 11th article carried to foot of Page 145

12 To act on the 13th article of last March Meeting, respecting ornamental shade trees about the burying ground, or make any alterations or improvements about said Ground.

Warrant for April Meeting 1835 Continued

article 13th To appoint Trustees for the Page & Hartwell Fund for the year ensuing

14th To choose a committee to expend that part of the money arising from the Page & Hartwell Fund to be expended for teaching sacred Music

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Bedford this 23d day of March A.D. 1835

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Albert Bacon } of
John P. Reed } Bedford.

Middlesex S.s. March 28th 1835, By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified and warned all the qualified Voters in said Bedford (by posting Copies of said Warrant in the two Congregational Meeting houses in Bedford) to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes therein expressed,

John Bacon } Constable of Bedford

Copy Att Reuben Bacon Town Clerk,

8th article in the foregoing warrant Upon the request of the Prudential Committee of the south school district To know if the town will new paint the school house in said district, or do any thing respecting the same,

11 To hear the report of the Committee respecting the wall against Capt Wm Fitches Land

a true copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 6th 1835

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant & notice the Inhabitants of Bedford met and voted on the articles therein contained in the following manner Viz

article 1st Chose Timothy Page Moderator.

" 2nd Voted to raise one Thousand dollars to defray the Ordinary Charges of the Town $1000

" 3d Voted that the selectmen let out the ringing of the bell for all the purposes mentioned in the article, And the superintendance of the Town Hall, in such made as they think best, And the expence thereof be paid by the whole Town,

" 4th Voted that the centre school district may have the use of the town Hall for a school room the year ensuing and that said centre district shall draw two sixths of all Moneys that shall be assessed or otherwise received for support of schools the year ensuing, and also reserving the use of the Hall for town purposes as usual.

" 5th. Voted to raise five hundred dollars for support of schools the year Ensuing

" 6th Chose Rev Robt Walcut, John G. Reed & William Gragg school Committee for the year ensuing,

" 7th Voted that Nathan O. Reed have liberty to remove his wall under the direction of the selectmen,

" 8th respecting the south district school House Chose the selectmen to paint or make repairs if they think proper

" 9th Towns Pound Choose Michael Crosby, John Merriam, and Joel Fitch a Committee to repair the Old or build a new Pound.

April Meeting 1835 Continued

Article 10th Voted to refund to the Members of the Engine Company the amount of a poll tax which may have been paid by them for the year 1835 agreeably to a law Passed A.D. 1834

11th To hear the report of a Committee appointed at last March Meeting on the subject of the wall against Capt Joel Fitche's land
The Committee report that they recommend that the town be at one half of the expence of laying up the wall that is now down
Voted to accept the report of said Committee

12 on the Subject of Ornamental trees about the burying ground Chose a Committee Viz Joshua Page, Phinehas W. Chamberlain, Lewis P. Gleason Larkin P. Page & John Merriam With liberty to expend twenty five dollars for the purpose aforesaid.

" 13th Chose John Merriam, William Page, and Charles Spalding, Trustees for the Page & Hartwell Fund for the Year ensuing.

14th Chose Reuben Bacon, Albert Bacon and Abner B Lane a Committee to expend that part of the Page & Hartwell Fund arising for the purpose of teaching Sacred Music

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved

A true Record
Attest Reuben Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting April 21st 1835

L.S.

Middlesex ss. To Cyrus Page a Constable of the Town of Bedford
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the qualified voters of said Town (by posting copies of this Warrant in the usual way) to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on tuesday the twenty first day of April Inst. at two of the Clock P. M. to act upon the following articles viz,

article 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting,

" 2nd " Upon the request of John Reed and others To know if the Town will reconsider the vote of the Town meeting holden on the 6th day of April 1835, by which, they voted that the Centre district should receive one third part of all the money appropriated for the support of schools, And also To know if the Town will distribute the money which is raised for the support of schools the ensuing year agreeably to a report of a Committee made and accepted at the last march meeting,

3d Upon the request of Docter Gardner, to know if the town will raise twenty dollars in addition to what they have raised for the support of schools the ensuing year,

4th Upon the request of Doctor Gardner & others, To know if the Town will remove the Hearse House within the limits of the burying ground,

5th upon the request of David Rice To know if the town will pay a bounty on Crows heads caught and killed within the limits of the town the ensuing year,

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Clerk of said Town on or before the time of said Meeting Given under our hands & Seal at Bedford this sixth day of April A. D. 1835.

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Albert Bacon } of
John P. Reed } Bedford

Middlesex ss. april 9th 1835 by virtue of the foregoing Warrant I have warned and notified all the Votable Inhabitants of Bedford by this day posting Copies of the within Warrant in each of the public Meeting Houses in Bedford
Cyrus Page Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Reuben Bacon Town Clerk
Att

Town Meeting April 21st 1835

The Inhabitants of Bedford Met in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant and notice and acted on the articles therein contained in the following Manner Viz

1st. Choose John Merriam Moderator

2nd. Voted not to reconsider the vote in the 4th article of April 6th 1835 wherein the Town Voted that the centre school district shall draw two sixth of all money's appropriated for the support of schools the ensuing year. 66 voting against a reconsideration and 60 in favour

3d. Voted to raise twenty dollars in addition to the money already granted for support of schools the year ensuing

4th Voted not to remove the Hearse House

5. Voted that the Town Treasurer shall pay a bounty of twenty cents for old and ten cents for young crows which May be caught and killed within the limits of the town the year ensuing

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved

a true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting May 4th 1835

Middlesex ss. To Cyrus Page a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the of Bedford qualified by the Constitution and laws of said Commonwealth to vote for state county & town officers, to meet at the the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the fourth day of May next, at 5 OClock P. M. (by posting copies in the usual way) To bring in their votes to the Select-men for County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex

carried up

May 1835

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the subscribers by the time of said Meeting Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this twenty fourth day of April A.D. 1835

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Albert Bacon } of
Bedford

Middlesex S.s April 25th 1835

By Virtue of the foregoing Warrant I have caused due Notice to be given to the Inhabitants of Bedford to Meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned

Cyrus Page Constable of Bedford
a true Copy att Reuben Bacon Town Clerk " "

Town Meeting May 4th 1835

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice. the Inhabitants of Bedford Met. and brought in their votes to the selectmen for County Commissioners Which were Sorted. and Counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, and were for the following Persons,

Viz, For Caleb Butler of Groton forty two Votes,		42
" " David Townsend of Waltham forty two	",	42
" Abner Wheeler of Framingham ten	"	10
" Augustus Tower of Stow twenty eight.	"	28
" Stephen Pope of Marlboro Six	"	6
" John Wade of Woburn four	"	4
" Luke Fiske of Waltham three	"	3
" Joseph Butterfield of Tyngsborough two	"	2
William Chandler of Lexington one	"	1
For Special Commissioners		
Viz Augustus Tower of Stow forty one Votes		9
" Timothy Prescott of Concord forty one	"	41
" Abner Wheeler of Framingham twenty eight	"	28
" William Livingston of Lowell one	"	1
" Stephen Pope of Marlborough one	"	1
" James Rufsell of West Cambridge one	"	1
" David Townsend of Waltham one	"	1
John Wade of Woburn one	"	1
Caleb Butler of Groton one vote		1

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting June 1st 1835

L.S. Middlesex Ss. To Cyrus Page a Constable of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Bedford (by posting copies in the usual way) qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court, and in town affairs, to Meet at the town Hall in said Town, on Monday the first day of June next, at five O'Clock P.M., To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for two County Commiss-ioners & one Special Commissioner for the County of Middlesex.

Also to Choose a Moderator for the transaction of Town affairs Viz.

Upon the request of John Harmer, to see if the town will pay Benjamin Clark of New Ipswich N. H. twenty five dollars pr year for said Harmers support during his natural life. or do any thing respecting the same they may think best.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Subscribers by the time of said Meeting.
Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this twenty second day of May, A D. 1835,

Amos Hartwell,
Albert Bacon,
John P. Reed. } Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex Ss, Bedford May 28th 1835,
This certifies that I have warned & notified the Votable Inhabitants of Bedford to meet at the time & place and for the purpose above mentioned, by posting a Copy of the above Warrant in each of the public Meetinghouses in Bedford six days before the date hereof,

Cyrus Page Constable of Bedford

A true Copy
attest. Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 1st 1835

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant & Notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met as aforesaid & brought in their Votes to the Selectmen for two County Commiſsioners, & one Special County Commiſsioner, Which were sorted & counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, and were for the following Persons Viz

For David Townsend Esq of Waltham	thirty three votes	33
" Stephen Pope " of Marlborough	twenty seven	" 27
" Abner Wheeler " of Framingham	four	" 4
" Edmund Parker of Reading	one vote	1

For Special Commiſsioner

William Livingston Esq of Lowell	twenty seven	" 27
Edmund Parker of Reading	four	" 4

Amos Hartwell Was Chosen Moderator

The request of John Hosmer The Town Voted not to pay twenty five dollars pr year for said Hosmers Support as specified in the article in the Warrant.

Voted that the Meeting be diſsolved

A true Record Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Parish Meeting Warrant

L.S. Middlesex Ss To John Bacon Constable of the Town of Bedford, Greeting,

You are required in the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said town who are qualified by law to Vote in the affairs of the first Congregational society (by posting a Copy of this Warrant in the Meeting house of said society as usual) to meet at the town Hall in said Town on Monday the 15th Inst at 5 OClock P.M. to act on the following Articles Viz

1st. to Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2ond to receive from the Committee the subscription lists, and appoint a person to Collect the money and direct such disbursement of the same as they may think proper, agreeably to the terms of Subscription, Also to transact any other buisness relating to the future regulation of Said Society

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk & Clerk of Said Society on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this 6th day of June A.D. 1835

Albert Bacon } Selectmen
John P. Reed } of
} Bedford

Middlesex Ss June 6th 1835,
by virtue of the above Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants as aforesaid qualified to vote in the affairs of the 1st. Religious Society by posting a copy of said Warrant in the Meeting house as directed to meet at the time place and for the purposes above Specified

John Bacon Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Parish Meeting June 15th 1835

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants as specified. Met and acted on the articles in the warrant in the following manner

Viz

1st Choose Albert Bacon Moderator

2nd Choose Charles Spalding to receive the late subscription lists, and collect the money

3d Voted that the Treasurer be directed to pay from any money not otherwise appropriated the expence of the law suit Brought against the 1st Parish by Rev Samuel Stearns Also of the suit between Dr Page & Dr Crosby and direct said said Treasurer to borrow the money for the purpose if neceſsary

Voted that the admiſsion of new members shall be in the following manner Viz. any Person wishing to become a Member of the first Congregational society may signify his desire to the Clerk of said society Who shall iſsue a certificate of Membership to such Person, which shall be confirmed if a Majority of the Members, shall by vote, at the next legal meeting thereafter holden . . . so determine Otherwise the Clerks certificate aforesaid shall be void,

A true Record Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting Sept 21st. 1835

L S Middlesex Ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford who are qualified to Vote in the affairs of the first congregational society in said town (by posting a copy of this Warrant in the Meeting house as usual) to meet at the town Hall on Monday the 21st day of Sept. Inst. at 6 O Clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd. To hear a report of a Committee appointed to supply the Pulpit and give further Instructions relative to a future supply of the same Also to transact any other buisneſs relating to Parish affairs or Property belonging to the Parish

3d To see if the Parish will make any Povision for Warming the Meeting House the ensuing Winter or do any thing respecting the same

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the subscribers on or before the time of said Meeting Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this eighth day of September A.D. 1835 -

Albert Bacon } Selectmen
John P. Reed } of
Bedford

Middlesex Ss. Sept 12th. 1835 by virtue of the above Warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of Bedford aforesaid as therein directed to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes above mentioned

John Bacon } Constable
of
Bedford

A true Copy attest

Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Parish Meeting Sept. 21st 1835

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Bedford Met. and transacted the following busineſs viz 1st. Choose Jonathan Bacon Moderator

2nd. Voted that the Committee settle with the Rev. Mr Woncott and report the state of the residue of funds at an adjourned Meeting

Voted that this Meeting stand adjourned to the first Monday in October next at 6 O'clock P. M.

Monday October 6th 1835.
Jonathan Bacon excused himself from further duties as Moderator and Capt. Timothy Page was Chosen in his place the Committee report that after paying all demands there will be of the late tax and subscription about 30 dollars unexpended at this date, accepted

Voted that one hundred dollars be apportioned on the polls & Estates of the Members of the society by the town aſseſsors

Chose Capt Cyrus Page to Collect the foregoing tax
Jonathan Bacon John A Merriam & Willard Wilson were Chosen a Committee to supply the Pulpit

Joshua Page Reuben Bacon John Merriam Luab Lee & Joseph Brown were Chosen a Committee on the subject of repairing or warming the meeting house, with direction to Call another Meeting of the society in case they shall think it expedient to warm said House the ensuing Winter - Voted that the Meeting be diſsolved
A true Record

Attest. Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

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Warrant for Parish Meeting Nov 2nd 1835

Middlesex Ss. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford, who are qualified to vote in the affairs of the first congregational society in said town, to meet at the town on Monday the second day of November next at 6 O Clock P.M to act on the following articles

Viz 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd To hear a report of a Committee appointed on the 5th day of October last on the subject of warming their Meeting-house and act on the subject as they may think best.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Subscribers by the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this 24th day of October A D. 1835

Albert Bacon } Selectmen
John P. Reed } of
Bedford

Middlesex Ss. October 24th 1835 By virtue of the above Warrant I have notified all the Inhabitants of the first Congregational Society in Bedford to Meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed by posting a Copy of the Warrant in the Meetinghouse as usual

John Bacon { Constable
of
Bedford

A true Copy
attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Parish Meeting Novr. 6th 1835

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant & Notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford aforesaid, Met and acted on the articles in said warrant, in the following manner Viz.

1st. Capt Timothy Page was Chosen Moderator.
2nd. the Committee appointed for the purpose of examining ~~and~~ the Meetinghouse .... report that in their Opinion it will be for the Interest of the society to warm said House with stoves the ensuing winter Voted that said report be accepted

Joshua Page John Merriam Reuben Bacon Leab. Lee & Joseph Brown were Chosen a Committee to carry the provisions of the report into effect.
On Motion of Jonathan Bacon Voted that the Treasurer be directed to borrow money on the credit of the Society, sufficient to defray the expence of Stoves funnel &c. for the purpose of warming the Meeting house the ensuing Winter;

Voted that the Meeting be dissolved

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

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Warrant For Town Meeting Novr 9th 1835

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Middlesex Ss To Cyrus Page A Constable of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn (by posting a copy of this warrant in each of the Congregational Meetinghouses in this Town) all the Inhabitants of said Bedford who are qualified by the Constitution and laws to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors, Representatives to the General Court and in Town affairs. To meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the ninth day of Novr next at one O.Clock P.M. to Give in their votes to the Select-men for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor and for five Senators and Counsellors for the Middlesex district

To give in their votes for a Representative to represent this Town in the General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first wednesday of January next

To Act on the following articles of Town affairs

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd To see if the Town will make the house or any of the buildings on their Pauper Farm a house of Correction or do any thing respecting the same

3d To See if the Town will have a Valuation of the real Estate within the town taken within the year 1836 or do any thing respecting the same

4th Upon the request of John Hosmer To see if the Town will pay Benjamin Clark of New Ipswich N. H. twenty five dollars a year for the support of said Hosmer during his natural life

5th To hear a report of a Committee appointed May 11th 1831 respecting a survey ascertaining the grades and establishing permanent bounds of the Common about the old Meetinghouse And do any thing respecting the same

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant unto one of the subscribers by the time of said Meeting Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this twenty sixth day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred & thirty five

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Alfred Brown } of

Middlesex ss October 31th 1835 by Virtue of the foregoing Warrant I have warned and notified the Inhabitants to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed by posting copies in each of the Congregational Meetinghouses in Bedford

Cyrus Page Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting Novr 9th 1835

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on articles therein contained in the following manner

The Votes of the Inhabitants were brought in to the Selectmen For Governor. Lieutenant Governor Senators and Councellors and for a Representative to Represent the Town of Bedford in the General Court next to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next Which were sorted, Counted and declaration thereof made as by law is directed and were for the following Persons

Viz For Governor Hon Edward Everett of Charlestown Seventy two Votes 72

" Hon Marcus Morton of Taunton fifty eight Votes 58
" Samuel T Armstrong of Boston one " 1

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon William Foster of Boston Seventy nine votes 79
" George Hull of Sandisfield fifty Two votes 52

For Senators and Councellors

William Parmenter Esq of Cambridge Seventy seven votes 77
Hon Leonard M. Parker " of Shirley Seventy seven Votes 77
" William Livingston " of Lowell Eighty three votes 83
Stephen Pope " of Marlboro Seventy six " 76
Reuben Bacon " of Bedford Seventy three 73

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Record of Meeting Nov 9th Continued

Senators

Hon Nathaniel Austin, of Charlestown fifty six Votes 56
" Sidney Willard, of Cambridge, fifty three " 53
" Oliver M. Whipple Esq., of Lowell, fifty three votes 53
Gen. Samuel Chandler, of Lexington, thirty five Vote 35
Rufus Hosmer Esq., of Stow, fifty four Votes 54
Abner Wheeler, " of Framingham, two Votes. 2
John Clark, " of Waltham, one Vote 1

For Representative for the Town of Bedford

Amos Hartwell has seventy seven Votes, 77
Jonathan Bacon " twenty eight votes, 28
William Page " ten, " 10
John Bacon " nine, 9
Jonas Munroe " one, 1
Whole number of Votes, 125
Necessary to a choice 63
Amos Hartwell was Chosen

Town affairs

1st John P. Reed was Chosen Moderator,

2nd To see if the Town will Make the House or any of the buildings on their Pauper Farm a house of Correction, Voted in the affirmative,

3d Voted that the 3d article respecting a new valuation be indefinately postponed,

4th. Voted not to grant the request of John Hosmer,

5th Voted to recommit the subject of the bounds of the towns Common, to the same Committee appointed May 11th. 1831, Viz Eliab B. Lane, Oliver W. Lane, Roger Lane, Elijah Shelton, and Ebenezer Hayward, with Instructions to report at next March Meeting, Voted that the Meeting be dissolved.

A True Record

Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

1836 Warrant for March Meeting

/L.S./ Middlesex Ss. To Cyrus Page a Constable of the
Town of Bedford
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts to notify (by posting copies of this Warrant in each of the Congregational Meeting houses in said Town) All the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualifeed by the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth to vote for County Treasurer, County Register of Deeds, and in Town affairs, To Meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March next at 12 O Clock at noon to act on the following articles Viz

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year

3 To bring in their votes for a County Register of Deeds for a term of five years

4th To Choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing

5th To direct the manner of repairing the Roads and Bridges the year ensuing

6th To Raise Money for the repair of the roads and bridges the ensuing year

7th To see if the Town will direct their assessors to make the Highway taxes in the Month of March from the last years Valuation

8th To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle and horses from going at large on the Common lands and highways the year ensuing

9th to determine the mode of Collecting taxes the year ensuing,

10 To hear the report of the Committee appointed at last Novr. Meeting relating to the towns Common

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11th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to Audit the accounts of the Town the ensuing year

12th To see if the Town will upon the request of (William Page and others) take any Measures to equalize the taxes or do any thing respecting the same

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands and Seal at Bedford this twenty second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six

Albert Bacon } Selectmen
John P. Reed } of Bedford

Town Meeting March 7th 1836

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the articles contained in said Warrant in the following manner, Viz.

1st Amos Hartwell was Chosen Moderator,

2nd The votes for a County Treasurer were brought in sorted and counted as by law is directed and were for the following Persons Viz.

For John Keyes of Concord thirty five votes, 35

" Timothy Prescott of Concord seventy two votes. 72

3d For County Register of Deeds William F. Stone had one hundred and eight votes, 108

4th Town Clerk Reuben Bacon was declared to be Chosen and was duly sworn,

Selectmen Amos Hartwell }
John P. Reed }
Liab Lee }

March 7th. 1836

Middlesex Ss. March 7th. 1836 Then Amos Hartwell John P. Reed, Liab Lee, Personally appeared and made Oath that as Selectmen of the Town of Bedford they would faithfully and impartially discharge their duties respecting all elections and the returns thereof.

Reuben Bacon Justice of the Peace

Assessors Joel Fitch, Phinehas W. Chamberlain and Cyrus Page the Mark under the name indicates that they were duly sworn,

Town Treasurer John Bacon

Overseers of the Poor Joel Fitch. William Page and Phinehas W Chamberlain

Constables John Bacon & Cyrus Page

Fire Wards Lewis P. Gleason Jona Bacon & Ezekiel Sayles

Surveyors of Lumber. David Fitch, Jonas Munroe & Simeon Blodget

Cullers of Hoops & Staves Benja A Webber and John W. Hayward

Fence Viewers. Oliver W Lane, Joseph Brown Eliab B Lane John P. Reed Benja J Davis

Tything Men Oliver W. Lane. William Everett and Samuel Sage

Surveyors of Highways, David Rice. William Page Seth Whitford, George Crosby, Ezekiel Sayles Nathan O. Reed, Constantine Hill, John W. Hayward William Clark & Nathan Fitch.

Field Drivers Joshua Page. John D. Billings Saml Sage Seth Whitford William Clark. Cyrus Page. Oliver R Abbott Joseph B Hodgman

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March 7th 1836 Record

Auditors, to Examine Town accounts, Jonā Bacon
Reuben Bacon & Timothy Page

Hog Reeves, John Kizell, David Page, Augustus
Pierce, Fordyce Bowen, Joseph Butterfield,
J. W. Merrill,

5th Voted that the roads and Bridges shall be repaired
in the same manner as last year

6th Voted to raise the sum of five Hundred dollars to be
$ worked out at the usual Prices, And Voted to direct
500.00 the the several Surveyors to allow a discount of ten
per cent to all persons who shall on demand, pay the
amount of their highway taxes to said Surveyors, who
shall cause the same to be expended for the repair of
the Highways and Bridges, or otherwise account to the
Town for all Money so received, Voted that the Selectmen
assign the several Surveyors of Highways limits the present Month,

7th Indifinately postponed

8th Voted to restrain neat cattle and horses from going
at large on the Highways and common lands
within the Town the ensuing year

9th. Voted to Collect the taxes in the same manner as last
year. Obed Stearns was Chosen Collector of Taxes for
the ensuing year and is to recieve twenty three
dollars and fifty Cents for that service 23 50
See old Book Page 174 & 5. & New Book 5 page

10 the Subject of a Survey of the Towns Common was refered
to April Meeting next.

11 recorded under article 4th

12th Chose Reuben Bacon and Amos Hartwell
to report on the Subject of the equalization of taxes
at next april Meeting

A true Record
Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 4th 1836

Middlesex ss. To Either of the Constables
of the Town of Bedford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the qualified Voters in said Bedford (by posting Copies in the usual way) to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the fourth day of April next at 12 O'clock at noon to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

2nd To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year,

3 To raise Money for the support of schools the ensuing year

4th To Choose a school Committee for the year ensuing,

5th To see if the Town will remit to the Members of the Engine Company in this Town, the amount of a Poll tax which would be paid by them to the town for the year 1836

6th Upon the request of Nathaniel C Cutler and 14 others, to see if the Town will cause the row of stables, and Engine House standing on the southeast side of the Common, to be removed on the new stable ground. or do any thing respecting the same,

7th To act on the continued Article from March meeting establishing the bounds and limits of the Common.

8th To act on the continued article from March meeting respecting equalizing the taxes, & hear a report respecting the same.

9th To appoint Trustees for the Page & Hartwell Fund for the year ensuing

10 To appoint a Committee to expend that part of the Page and Hartwell fund to be expended for the support of sacred Music

11 To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to let out the ringing of the bell as usual and the care of the Town Hall or do any Thing respecting the same Turn over

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, unto the Town Clerk on or before the time of said Meeting.
Given under our hands and seal at Bedford, this twenty first day of March, A.D. 1836,

Middlesex ss. Bedford March 26th 1836
By virtue of the within Warrant, I have notified and and warned all the Inhabitants of said Bedford, by posting a copy of the within in the first and second Meeting houses in said Town as directed, to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within specified
John Bacon Constable

A true copy att. Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 4th 1836

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the articles in said Warrant as follows

1st Chose Lewis P. Gleason Moderator

2nd Granted seven hundred and fifty dollars to be expended to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the year ensuing

3d Granted six hundred dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year
Voted that all money raised or received for schools the year ensuing year shall be distributed to the several districts in the same ratio as last year viz to the centre two sixth parts and one sixth part to each of the other four districts

4th Chose Joshua Chandler, John S. Reed and Amos Hartwell School Committee for the year ensuing,
Voted that the school committee be instructed to enforce regularity in the books to be used in schools and such other discipline as is required by law

5th Voted that the regular Members of the engine Company shall be entitled to receive the amount of their Poll taxes according to the laws in such cases provided.

April 4th 1836

6th Voted to grant the request of Nathaniel [illegible] Cutler provided
that they remove said stables either to the stable ground
at the new Meeting house, or on the new stable ground near
the Old House, in two parts without any expense to the
town or the owners of Said Stables

7th Committed to same Committee to report at [illegible] town
Meeting, concerning Survey of Common angles &c,

8th Concerning equalization of taxes, Voted to direct
assessors to receive lists of Personal property, under
Oath of the owners, on the valuation the year ensuing

9th John Merriam William Page & Reuben Bacon
were chosen Trustees of the Page & Hartwell Fund
the year ensuing,

10 Reuben Bacon Albert Bacon & Amos [illegible] Lane, were
Chosen a Committee to expend that part of the Income
of the Page & Hartwell Fund to be applied for learning
Sacred Music,

11 Bell & care of Town Hall Voted Same as last year. See Page 146
George Crosby was excused from serving as a Surveyor
of Highways the present year, and Simeon Blodget
was Chosen in his Stead and Sworn

Resolved that the Selectmen be authorized (if they
think proper) to take a deed of the small piece of
land on the east side of the Common given to the Town
Some years since by Widow Hannah Reed so as to establish
the east bound of the Common as the wall now Stands,
The Selectmen were authorized to borrow Money at less than 6 per
cent Interest to pay the debts of the Town

A true Record Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting Nov.r 14th 1836

L.S. Middlesex S.s. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn, in the usual way the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Constitution and laws prescribe to vote for electors of President and vice President of the United states, Representative to Congress, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth, Senators and Representatives to the General Court, and in town affairs. To meet at the town Hall in said town on Monday the fourteenth day of November next, at twelve O clock at noon, to act on the following Articles. Viz

1st To give in their Votes to the selectmen for fourteen electors of President and Vice President of the United States. two from among the People at large and one from each of the twelve Congressional districts within this Commonwealth

2nd To give in their Votes for a Representative to represent district Number four in the Congress of the United States

3d To give in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth

4th To give in their Votes for five Senators to the next General Court for the Middlesex district

5th To give in their Votes for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

6th To give in their Votes for or against the proposed article of Amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth to lessen the number of Representatives to the General Court.

Also to Act on the following articles of Town affairs Viz

1st To Appoint a Moderator for said Meeting

Warrant Continued

2nd To see if the town will discontinue the Paſsage way from John W. Haywards House (by where Frankl Stearns recently resided to the town road leading from Oliver Pollards to Billerica line

3d To see if the town will accept of a list of Jurors as made out by the Selectmen or make any alterations in the same

4th Upon the request of William Clark and others to see if the town will remove the school House in the west school district or do any thing respecting the same

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the subscribers by the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this thirty first day of October in the year of Our LORD one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
John P. Reed } Of
Liab - Lee } Bedford

A true copy of Original
Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Middlesex Ss Novr 12th 1836
by virtue of the foregoing Warrant I have warned and notified the votable Inhabitants of Bedford to aſsemble at the time and place and for the purpos mentioned by posting notice in each of the public Meeting houses in Bedford seven days before the date hereof

Cyrus Page Constable of Bedfor

Meeting Novr 14th 1836

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and Notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the articles in the foregoing Warrant in the following manner Viz

Votes for Electors of President and Vice President were brought in to the Selectmen which being sorted and Counted as by law is directed, Were declared to be as follows Viz

For Electors at large

Nathan Willis of Pittsfield Eighty seven Votes	87
Seth Whitmarsh of Seekonk eighty seven "	87
Nathaniel Silsbee of Salem Forty nine "	49
Edward A Newton of Pittsfield forty nine "	49

Districts Electors

No	1	Caleb Eddy of Boston eighty Seven Votes -	87
"	"	Samuel Appleton of Boston forty nine votes	49
No	2	Robert Rantoul of Beverly eighty Seven votes	87
"	"	Leverett Saltonstall of Salem forty nine "	49
No	3	Joseph Kittredge of Andover eighty seven	87
"	"	Benjamin Walker of Lowell forty nine "	49
No	4	Francis Tuttle of Acton eighty Seven "	87
"	"	Loammi Baldwin of Charlestown forty nine "	49
No	5	Samuel Taylor of Sutton eighty seven "	87
"	"	Joseph G Kendall of Worcester ~~eighty seven~~ forty nine "	49
No	6	Samuel C Allen of Northfield eighty seven "	87
"	"	Samuel Lee of Barree forty nine "	49
No	7	Joseph Fitch of New Marlboro eighty seven "	87
"	"	Thomas Longley of Hawley forty nine "	49
No	8	Harvey Chapin of Springfield eighty seven "	87
"	"	Isaac C Bates of Northampton forty nine "	49
No	9	Benjamin P. Williams of Roxbury eighty seven "	87
"	"	Bezaleel Taft Jr. of Uxbridge forty nine "	49
No	10	Nathan C Brownell of Westport eighty seven "	87
"	"	Howard Lathrop of Easton forty nine "	49
No	11	Thomas Mandell of New Bedford eighty seven "	87
"	"	Charles W Morgan of New Bedford forty nine "	49
No	12	Jabez P. Thompson of Hallifax eighty seven "	87
"	"	Charles J Holmes of Rochester forty nine	49

Town Meeting Nov 14th. 1836

art 2nd In like manner as aforesaid the Votes for a Representative to Congress for district No 4 were

For William Parmenter of Cambridge Eigthty eight votes 88
" Samuel Hoar of Concord forty eight. " 48

3d For Governor Whole number ballots 137
" Marcus Moreton of Taunton Eighty votes - 80
" Edward Everett of Charlestown fifty seven " 57

. Lieutenant Governor No ballots 137

For William Foster of Boston Eighty one votes 81
" George Hull of Sandisfield fifty five votes 55

4th. Senators for Middlesex No Ballots 136

For Leonard M. Parker of Shirley Ninety votes - 90
" William Livingston of Lowell eighty nine 89
" Stephen Pope of Marlboro - Ninety 90
" Reuben Bacon of Bedford eighty eight. " 88
" Francis Bowman of Cambridge - Ninety votes 90

" Nathan Brooks of Concord - forty six votes . 46
" Levi Farwell of Cambridge forty six - " 46
" Stuart J. Park of Groton forty Six " 46
" Edmund Parker of Reading forty Six " 46
" Moses Edgell of Framingham forty Six - " 46

5th Representative to the General Court.
Whole No ballots ~~120~~ one hundred & twenty
Necessary to a Choice ~~61~~ Sixty one
Rev. Joshua Chandler has Seventy votes and is Chosen
* Amos Hartwell 38 votes John Bacon 10 " Wm. Page 1 & Cyrus Page 1

6th Amendment of the Constitution Whole No 79

For Said amendment Seventy five - 75
against " " four 4

* on the 5th article a Committee was appointed viz Wm. Page John Merriam, Jonathan Bacon George Kirk & John Wd. Hayward to Wait on Mr Chandler and inform him of his election as a Representative and Obtain his answer The Committee reported Verbally by their Chairman. that Mr Chandler had signified his acceptance of said office

Nov. 14th 1836 Town affairs

article 1st Amos Hartwell was chosen Moderator

2nd Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to take the subject of the road from John W. Haywards to the road near Josiah Fills and that said Committee report at next April Meeting

3d Voted to accept of a list of Jurors as made out by the Selectmen Viz George Fiske, Ebenezer Hayward William Page, William Clark, Joseph B Hodgman, Liab Lee, Phinehas W. Chamberlain, Lewis F. Gleason, Moses Hayward, Simeon Blodgett, Jonathan Bacon, John P. Reed.,

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A Committee appointed at a former Meeting to ascertain the bounds of the Towns Common and cause the Same to be Surveyed, exibited a plan and Survey of Said Common, which was accepted by the town, four in favour and three against said acceptance, Joshua Page & John Bacon owners of

— — — — — — — — —

Land adjoining said Common, Object to the Bounds as established by said Survey, — —

4th Voted that John Merriam Amos Hartwell & Joseph Brown be a Committee respecting the removal of the West district school House with Instructions to report on the subject at next April Meeting

The town advised the Selectmen to assign the northeast Corner of the Stable Ground near where the Old towns Pound Stood, as a Suitable place for the Engine House

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Nov 15th 1836 Rev Joshua Chandler has notified me this day, that, he declines serving the Town of Bedford, as a Representative to the General Court next to be holden in Boston, on the first wednesday of January next, which notice was, on the succeeding day Communicated, to the Chairman of the Selectmen, By me Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting Warrant Novr 28th 1836

(LS) Middlesex Ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of said Bedford, qualified as the Constitution and laws require to vote for Representatives to the General Court (by posting a copy of this Warrant in each of the Meetinghouses in said Bedford, to Meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the twenty eighth day of November Inst at two O Clock P.M to give in their votes for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next,

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the subscribers by the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
John P. Reed } of
Bedford

Middlesex Ss Novr 18th 1836
by virtue of the foregoing Warrant I have warned and notified the Inhabitants of Bedford to meet at the time and place and for the purpose above Lea mention by posting notice in each of the public Meetinghou in Bedford

Cyrus Page Constable of Bedford

A true Copy of Origenal

attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov 28th 1836

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the article therein contained in the following manner,

Viz, the Votes of the Inhabitants were brought in to the Selectmen The whole number of ballots was one hundred and five
neceſsary to a Choice fifty three
Amos Hartwell has Sixty four votes and is Chosen declaration of the same having been made, the Meeting was diſsolved

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 6th 1837

Middlesex Ss
[L S] To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Bedford (by posting copies in the usual way) qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court, and in town affairs, to meet at the town Hall, in said town, on Monday the sixth day of March next, at one O'Clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a County Commiſsioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of David Townsend Esq, Also to choose a Moderator for the transaction of Town affairs..

article 1st To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year,

2nd To Choose all Neceſsary Town officers for the year ensuing.

3d To direct the Manner of repairing the roads and bridges the ensuing year,

" 4th To raise money for the repair of the roads & Bridges the year insuing,

" 5th To see if the town will restrain neat Cattle and horses from running at large on the Common lands and highways the year ensuing,

6th To determine the mode of Collecting taxes the year ensuing,

7 To see if the Town choose a Committee to audit the accounts of the town the ensuing year.

8 To see if the town will widden the road and bridge near Leonard Whites or do any thing respecting the same

9th Upon the request of William Page and others, to see if the Town will take any measures to equaliz the taxes, or do any thing respecting the same,

10th To see what Method the town will take to pay the debt due to the heirs of Dea Michael Crosby,

11 To hear the report the selectmen respecting the Guide posts and act on the subject as the town may think proper,

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting,
Given under our hands and seal at Bedford, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven,

John P. Reed } Selectmen
Liab Lee } of
Bedford,

Middlesex ss Feby 23d 1837,
By virtue of the foregoing warrant I have warned and notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, to meet at the time and places for the purpose mentioned, by posting copies of the foregoing warrant in each of the Congregational Meeting houses in Bedford

Cyrus Page Constable of Bedford,

a true Copy attest,
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk,

Town Meeting March 6th 1837

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford Met, and acted on the several articles therein contained, in the folling manner,

the Selectmen called for the votes of the Inhabitants for a County Commiſsioner, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of David Townsend which, being sorted and counted, were as follows Whole Number of votes, one hundred and twenty two,

For Joel Fuller of Newton fifty nine votes,
" Edmund Parker of Reading forty ",
" Abijah Goodridge of Charlestown twenty three votes,

John Merriam was Chosen Moderator of the Meeting

article 1st The votes of the Inhabitants were brought in to the Moderator, for a County treasurer which being sorted, and counted, and declaration thereof made as is by law directed, were as follows, Whole Number of votes one hundred and eighteen

For Stedman Buttrick of Concord ninety seven votes,
" John Keyes of Concord twenty one votes,

" 2nd The Votes were brought in to the Moderator for a Town Clerk, and were as follows, Whole No one hundred and twenty eight, 128
neceſsary to a Choice sixty five,
Reuben Bacon has one hundred & twenty and is Chosen,

1st Selectman Whole No votes, 145.
neceſsary to a Choice, 73,
John P. Reed has 83. votes, and is Chosen,

2nd Do Whole No votes 125,
neceſsary to a Choice 63,
Liab Lee has 96, votes and is Chosen,

3d Do Whole No Votes 127,
neceſsary to a Choice 64,
Elbridge Bacon has 79 votes, and is Chosen,

It was moved and seconded, that the Selectmen serve the Town the ensuing year as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Voted in the affirmative by hand vote, the Selectmen were accordingly sworn as Assessors.

For Town Treasurer John Bacon was duly Chosen

Constables John Bacon & Charles Spalding, " "

Fire wards, Ezekiel Sayles, Isaac P. Bacon, & Lewis P. Gleason.

Cullers of hoops & Staves none Chosen.

Fence Viewers. Benjamin W. Webber, Eliab B. Lane, & Samuel Sage.

Surveyors of highways, David Rice, David Rice, Moses Page, George Crosby, Joseph Hartwell 2nd, Silas Wilkins, Stephen Harker, Oliver R Abbott, Benjn J. Davis Benjn W Webber

Field Drivers, Oliver Pollard, Ezekiel Sayles, Samuel Wyman, Albert Bacon, Samuel Sage, Francis Wilson Jr,

Pound Keeper Edward Flint,

Auditors Oliver W Lane. Joel Fitch.

Tything Men, Oliver W. Lane, Samuel Sage, Lewis P. Gleason, David Lane Jr Joseph Kramer, & George Simonds,

Hog Reeves Jeptha Parkhurst Elbridge Jones Henry Staples Benjamin Page,

article 3 To raise money to repair the Highways & Bridges the year ensuing, Voted that the Subject be refered to the Selectmen to report at april Meeting,

" 4 To direct the Manner of repairing the Highways refered to april Meeting with the preceeding article,

article 5th Voted to restrain Cattle and Horses from
going at Large the year ensuing,

" 6th Voted to Collect the taxes in the Same Manner
as last year, see old Book Page 174 & 5th, and this Book
Page 5th,
Chose David Rice Collector who is to recieve
twenty five dollars for Service as Collector, for the
Year ensuing.

" 7 Auditors recorded between article 2nd & 3d.

" 8th Voted that the Selectmen repair or widden the
Bridge near Leonard Whites as they may think
best.

" 9th on the Subject of the equalization of taxes
Voted to refer the subject to April Meeting.

" 10th respecting the towns debt to the Heirs of Dr. M.
Crosby, Voted that the Town Treasurer is hereby
authorized to Borrow one thousand dollars
for the purpose, and that the surpluss more than
sufficient to pay said Debt, remain in his hands
subject to the order of the Selectmen,

" 11 The report of the Selectmen on the Subject of
guide boards. Voted that the Selectmen be a
Committee to make such alterations and
fixtures at Leonard Whites, & B.A. Webbers,
as they may think proper, and put all other
guide boards within this Town in a suitable
State of repair
(all the town officers who have been Sworn, are
marked with a dash of the pen under their names)
on Motion the Meeting is dissolved
A true Record
attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Middlesex ss, March 6th 1837, Then Personally appeared
John W. Reed, [illegible], and Elbridge Bacon, and
made oath that as Selectmen of the Town of Bedford
for the year ensuing, they would faithfully and impar-
tially discharge their duties respecting all Elections
and the returns thereof.

Before Me Reuben Bacon Justice of the Peace

Warrant for Town Meeting April 3^d 1837

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Middlesex S.s. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the third day of April next at one O'clock P.M. To bring in their votes for a County Commissioner for the County of Middlesex to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of David Townsend Esq. And also to act on the following articles viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2^nd To Raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year.

3^d To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year

4th To Choose a school Committee for the ensuing year.

5th To hear the report of the Committee on the refered article of last November meeting respecting the road from John W Haywards to the road near by Josiah Hills and act on the same.

6th To hear a report of the Committee on the refered article of Nov^r meeting respecting the removal of the west school House and act on the same

7 To hear the report of the Selectmen on the refered articles of last March Meeting respecting raising money for the repair of Roads and laying out the same and act thereon

8th To ~~act~~ See if the town will direct the Selectmen to let out the ringing of the bell and care of the Town Hall as usual or do any thing respecting the same

9th To act upon the refered article of last March Meeting respecting equalizing the taxes.

10th To see if the town will provide means for lighting the Town Hall and build a closet for the accomodation of the Same Also provide Movable seats or do any thing respecting the Same

over

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in said town

Hereof Fail not and Make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at or before the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands and Seals at Bedford this twenty eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven

John P. Reed } Selectmen
Liab Lee } of
Elbridge Bacon } Bedford

Middlesex Ss. Bedford april 3d 1837
I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up attested Copies in each of the Meetinghouses in Bedford nine days preceeding said third day of April

Charles Spalding Constable of Bedford

a true Copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting april 3d 1837

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice, the qualified Voters of Bedford Met, and forwarded their votes to the Selectmen for a County Commissioner for Middlesex County, Which being Counted, and Sorted, were as follows, Whole Number of ballots Eighty one

For Timothy Fletcher Seventy two votes. of Charlestown
" Edmund Parker of Reading Nine votes,

article 1st Chose John Merriam Moderator

2nd Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year 1000-00

3d accepted report of School Committee
Voted to raise Six Hundred dollars for support of Schools the year ensuing and that the Same be apportioned 2 Sixths to Centre district and 1/6 to each of the other districts 600

4th Chose John W. Simonds Rev Jon^a. Leavitt and Cyrus Page School Committee for the ensuing year

7th on the subject of Highways, the Committee report that the town raise five hundred dollars to be laid
H. 500 out in labour in the several districts, that the price of Labour be raised to 12½ cents pr hour, and that those Persons, who pay the Surveyor the amt of their taxes on demand shall have a deduction of 12½ pr cent on the Same, and that three forths of all the amt raised shall be worked out before the first day of June next,
300 $ and that three hundred dollars be aſseſsed in money, to be laid out on the Great roads, and Bridges, if neceſsary, and that the Selectmen appoint an agent, or agents, to superintend laying out the same Voted to accept the report

6th West School House Committee report that it is not expedient to remove Said House, Accepted report.

9th Voted that the aſseſsors use their endeavours to equalize the taxes agreeably to law, -

8. Vote that the Selectmen let out the bell & care of the Town hall, the bell to ring same as last year

5. the Subject of the road paſsing J. W. Haywards House near to Josiah Hills, the Committee report that said road be discontinued as a public Highway, with a reservation of any individuals, to be extinguished by agreement of the parties, Said report was Accepted.

10th Voted that the Selectmen be authorized by the town, to make such addition or alteration as may be required or contemplated by this article, if they think proper,

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Resolved on Motion of P. W. Chamberlain, that the Town Treasurer notify all persons who have placed incumbrances on the public lands appropriated to the General use (except by permiſsion) to remove the Same and in case of neglect or refusal, to prosecute the same according to law in Such cases provided

Warrant for Town Meeting april 17th 1837

Middlesex Ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

L.S. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Seventeenth day of April Inst at Six O Clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz

Article 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer or any suitable Person to recieve their proportion of the Surpluss Revenue

3d To see to what use the town will apply their proportion of the Surpluss Revenue

4th To see if the town will Choose a Pound Keeper for the Year ensuing in the place of Edward Flint resigned

And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested Copies at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at or before the time of said Meeting Given under our hands and seals at Bedford this fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven

John P. Reed }
Zeab Lee } Selectmen of Bedford
Elbridge Bacon }

Middlesex Ss April 17th 1837 This may certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested Copies in each of the Meeting houses in said Town nine days prior to said 17th day of april

Charles Spalding Constable of Bedford

A true Copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 17th 1837

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and had the following action on the articles therein contained

article 1st John Merriam was Chosen Moderator

The Town Clerk not being present the Inhabitan first brought in their votes to the Selectmen for a Clerk Protempore, which being sorted and counted, it appeared that Jonathan Bacon was Chosen, and he was accordingly duly sworn for that purpose

article 2nd Voted, that this Town agrees to recieve, from the treasurer & reciever general of the Commonwealth, its proportion of the surplu revenue of the United States, in deposite, & will comply with the terms & provision of the several acts, passed by the legislature of said Commonwealth, concerning the deposi of the surplus revenue.

Voted, that John Bacon Treasurer of said Town be the agent of this town, for the purpose of recieveing from the treasurer & reciever general of this Commonwealth, this towns proportion of the said revenu in deposite.

Voted, that John Bacon agent, as aforesaid, be, & he hereby is, authorized to sign a Certificat of deposite, for the sums of money he may recieve, from time to time, from the said treasurer & reciever general of this Commonwealth, binding the town, in its Corporate capacity, for the repayment, to said treasur of the money so deposited with this town & any & every part thereof, whenever the same shall be required by said treasure & reciever general, to be by him refunded to the secretary of the treasury of the United States.

article 3d Voted to postpone this article to an adjourned meeting

turn over

article 4th Chose John Bacon Pound keeper

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Monday of May next at 2 O Clock P. M.

A true Record Attest Jonathan Bacon
Town Clerk Protempore

May 8th 1837. The Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, Met agreeably to adjournment, and acted on the third article in the Warrant for the Meeting of April 17th, in the following manner;

Article 3d Voted, that the money to be received from the Treasurer and Receiver General of this Commonwealth, as this Towns Proportion of the Surplus Revenue in deposite, shall be applied towards the payment of the debts of the Town,
the Meeting was dissolved
A true Record Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

The article in the Warrant for the Meeting of the 17th day of April last, not being sufficient to bind the town in their Corporate capacity, for the repayment of the money to be received from the Treasurer and Receiver General in deposite, the Selectmen have Issued the following warrant

1837 . Warrant for Town Meeting May 22nd.

L.S. Middlesex Ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

L.S. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said Town on Monday the twenty second day of May at 4 O clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz

article 1st To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting article 2nd To See if the Town will agree to receive its proportio of the monies received and to be received by the treasurer and receiver General of this Commonwealth, from the secretary of the Treasury of the United States for deposite with this Commonwealth, in pursuance of of an act of Congress, entitled an act to regulate the deposite of the Public Money, approved on the 23d of June 1836. And will comply with the laws and provisions contained in the several Acts of this Commonwealth, concerning the deposite of the surplus Revenue.

" 3d To See if the town will appoint an agent for the purpose of receiving from the receiver General of this Commonwealth this towns proportion of the surplus revenue in deposite.

" 4th To See if the Town will reconsider their vote on the third article in the warrant on the 17th day of April last and adjourned to May 8th Whereby the Town voted to apply this towns proportion of the surplus revenue to the payment of the debts of the town

" 5th To see if the town will loan their portion of the Surplus Revenue on good security, and apply the Interest annually for the use of schools in the several school districts in the manner as other monies raised for schools

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid Given under our hands and seals this thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Thirty Seven

John P. Reed } Selectmen of
Elbridge Bacon } Bedford

Middlesex ss. May 18th 1837 I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford by posting an attested Copy of the foregoing warrant in each of the congregational Meeting Houses in said town to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes therein Specified John Bacon Constable of Bedford

A true Copy of Original attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

187 # Town Meeting May 22nd 1837

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, holden in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant and notice, the following Votes were pass^d.

article 1st Chose Amos Hartwell Moderator.

2nd Voted that this town agrees to receive, from the Treasurer and Receiver General of the Commonwealth, its proportion of the surplus Revenue of the United States, in deposite, and will comply with the terms and provisions, of the several acts, passed by the legislature of this Commonwealth, concerning the deposite of the Surplus Revenue,

" 3d Voted that this Town will appoint an agent for the purpose of receiving from the Receiver General of this Commonwealth this Towns proportion of the surplus Revenue.

Voted that Reuben Bacon be the agent of this town, for the purpose of receiving from the Treasurer and ~~and~~ receiver General of this Commonwealth, this towns proportion of the said Surplus Revenue in deposite.

Voted that Reuben Bacon Agent as aforesaid, be and he hereby is authorized to sign a certificate of deposite, for the sums of Money he may receive, from time to time, from the said Treasurer and receiver General of this Commonwealth, binding the Town in its Corporate Capacity, for the repayment, to said Treasurer, of the money so deposited with this town, and any and every part thereof when ever the same shall be required by the said Treasurer and receiver General, to be by him refunded to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

article 4th Voted to indifinitely postpone action on the 4th article in the warrant.

" 5th Voted that the town will Loan their portion of the Surplus Revenue on Good Security, and apply the Interest annually for the use of Schools in the several school districts of this Town in the same manner as other monies raised for Schools.

Voted that Phinehas W Chamberlain & John D Billings with Reuben Bacon agent to receive the money be a Committee to Loan the money as aforesaid. Voted to dissolve this Meeting

[illegible] attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting Novr 13th 1837

L.S. Middlesex Ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford, on Monday the thirteenth day of November next, at one O Clock in the afternoon ~~to~~ being the second Monday of said Month.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor, of this Commonwealth. And for five Senators on one ballot for the district of Middlesex for the year ensuing.

And to bring in their votes for a Representative to Represent them in the next General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And also to act on the following articles of Town affairs

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd To see if the Town will repair the road near Carlisle Bridge, or do any thing respecting the same.

3d To see if the Town will direct some suitable place to locate the privy belonging to the town House.

4th To see if the Town will paint the several school Houses in town.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town, eight days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon at or before the time of said Meeting, Given under our hands and Seal this thirty first day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

John P. Reed,
Liab Lee,
Elbridge Bacon,
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex Ss. Bedford Novr 4th 1837 by virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and Warned all the votable Inhabitants of said town, by posting true and attested copies of the within Warrant, in each of the public Meeting houses in said town as directed, to assemble at the time, place, and for the purposes therein Specified,

John Bacon Constable of Bedford

a true Copy
Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting Novr 13th 1837

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford Met, And brought in their Votes to the Selectmen For Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and for Senators. Which being sorted, and counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, and were as follows the whole number of ballots for Governor, was one hundred and fifty,

Marcus Morton of Taunton had Eighty Six Votes. 86

Edward Everett of Charlestown had Sixty four Votes. 64

For Lieutenant Governor, the whole number of ballots was one hundred & forty Seven.

William Foster of Boston had Eighty Six Votes. — —— — 86

George Hull of Sandisfield had Sixty Votes. 60

For Senators, the whole No of Ballots was one hundred and fifty nine.

Leonard M. Parker of Shirley had Ninety four votes, 94
Reuben Bacon of Bedford had Ninety three " , 93
William Livingston of Lowell had eighty nine " , 89
Francis Bowman of Cambridge had Ninety two " , 92
Joel Fuller of Newtown had Eighty Seven " , 87
Nathan Brooks of Concord had fifty five " , 55
Stewart J Park of Groton had fifty five " , 55
Levi Farwell of Cambridge had fifty five " , 55
Lilly Eaton of S Reading had fifty two " , 52
Samuel B Walcott of Hopkinton had fifty five " , 55

On Motion Voted not to send a Representative to the General Court the ensuing year. Amos Hartwell was chosen Moderator of the Meeting for the transaction of Town affairs.

Article 2d relative to the road near the Carlisle bridge. Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to repair said Road in such Manner as they may think proper at the expence of the town.

Nov 13th Continued

Article 3. Voted to refer the subject to the Selectmen.
" 4th Voted to postpone the subject relative to painting the School Houses to next March Meeting.

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk,
Bedford Novr. 13th 1837

Warrant for Town Meeting March 5th 1838

Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Bedford by posting attested copies at each of the public Meeting houses in said town, qualified to vote for representatives to the general court and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said town on Monday the fifth day of March next at one O'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles

Article 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2nd To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the year ensuing

" 3d To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

" 4th To direct the Manner of repairing the roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

" 5th To raise money for the repairs of the roads and Bridges the year ensuing year

" 6th To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle and horses from running at large on the Common lands and highways the year ensuing

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Warrant for March Meeting 1838 Continued

Article 7th To determine the mode of collecting taxes the year ensuing.

8th " To see if the Town will choose a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Town the ensuing year

9th " Upon the request of [illegible] Stearns to see if the town will straighten the wall opposite his house, or do any thing respecting the same

10th " To hear the report of the Selectmen on guideposts and act on the subject as they may think proper

11th " On the second article of last November meeting to see if the town will paint the school Houses in town.

12th " To see if the town will purchase the shares which individuals hold in the fire engine or take any measures to revive an efficient engine company which they may think best

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

A true Copy

John P. Reed
Liab Lee
Elbridge Bacon } Selectmen of Bedford

attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Middlesex ss Bedford March fifth 1838
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town and county affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes above mentioned by posting an attested copy on the Meeting house in Bedford nine days before said Meeting.

Charles Spalding Constable

A true Copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk of Bedford

Town Meeting March 5th 1835

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and Notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Met and acted on the articles therein contained in the following Manner Viz

Article 1st the Votes were brought in to the Town Clerk for a Moderator the whole number of ballots was 54
Necessary to a Choice twenty eight 28
John W. Simonds has twenty nine and is Chosen

2nd The votes for a County Treasurer were brought in to the Moderator and Sorted & Counted as by Law is directed and were as follows
Whole Number of Ballots one hundred and thirty one.

Stedman Buttrick of Concord had Ninety two votes 92

Albert H. Nelson of Concord thirty nine votes

Town Clerk whole number of Votes one hundred & ten 110
Reuben Bacon has one hundred & five & is Chosen, Sworn 105

1st Selectman whole No. votes one hundred and twenty three 123
Liab Lee has eighty four and and is Chosen 84

2nd Selectman whole No. votes one hundred & thirty two 132
Oliver R. Abbott has seventy one and is chosen 71

3d Selectman Whole No. Votes one Hundred & fourteen 114
David Rice has Sixty Votes and is chosen 60

Liab Lee, Oliver R. Abbot and David Rice were duly Sworn as Selectmen, and Assessors,

Overseers of the Poor
John S. Reed
Liab Lee
Elbridge Bacon, were Chosen

Town Treasurer whole No. Votes forty seven 47
John Bacon has forty three and is chosen,

Constables Charles Spalding & Cyrus Page were Chosen and Sworn, 193 March Meeting 1838 Continued

Fire Wards Jonathan Bacon Isaac W. Bacon Ezekiel Sayles, William Rider & Albert Bacon were chosen
Voted that the fire wards provide themselves with some suitable Insignia of office

Cullers of Hoops and Staves Benjamin Reed & John W. Hayward

Fence Viewers Benja W. Webber, Eliab B. Lane and Samuel Page

Surveyors of Highways Eliab B. Lane Joshua Page
Jonas Pitman Michael Crosby
Joseph Bacon Stephen Haynes Constantine
Hill Uriah Goodwin William Clark James
Webber

Field Drivers Oliver Pollard Ezekiel Sayles
Samuel Page & Albert Bacon [illegible]
[illegible] 30th
1838

Tithing Men Joseph Hosmer Larkin P. Page
George Simonds & Oliver W. Lane & George Simonds
Larkin P Page & Benjamin Page for Meetings in Town Hall
Sealer of Weights & Measures Jonathan Bacon

Measurers of Wood & Bark Thomas Stiles Jonas
Munroe Oliver W. Lane " Abel " Fitch Amos
Hartwell Elijah Lee "

Weigher of Hay Jonas Munroe

Hog Reeves Cyrus Page Edward Stearns
Jonathan Leavitt Joseph Hosmer

4th Roads & Bridges voted to postpone to
April Meeting

5th Raising Money for the Repair of Roads and
Bridges voted to postpone to April Meeting

6th Voted to Restrain neat Cattle and Horses
from going at large on the Highways and
Common Lands within the town the year
ensuing

7th To determine the mode of Collecting taxes the year ensuing Voted to postpone the Subject to April Meeting,

8. Auditors Jonathan Bacon Joel Fitch and Cyrus Page were chosen a Committee to audit the accounts of the Town the year ensuing

9th. Respecting the Walls opposite Simeon Stearns House Voted to postpone the Subject Indefinately

10 Selectmens Report on Guideposts accepted, as amended, See Report on file

11 Respecting Painting School Houses Voted to refer the subject to April Meeting

12. Respecting engine Shares and an Engine company Chose a Committee to Report on the Subject at next April Meeting Viz John W Simonds Reuben Bacon and David Rice,

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon
Town Clerk

last March Meeting, on the back [illegible] of said Meeting, respecting the fire engine

[illegible]

[illegible] Town will accept the selectmen's [illegible] of the bells and [illegible] at the [illegible]

18. To hear a report of a Committee appointed May 11th 1831 respecting ascertaining [illegible] and establishing [illegible] of the common, about the old Meeting house, or do any thing respecting the same.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid,

Given under our hands and seals, at Bedford this Nineteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight,

[illegible] Lee,
Oliver R. Abbott,
David Rice,
Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford April 2nd 1838. [illegible] the foregoing [illegible] posting [illegible] Meeting house in said town, [illegible] Bedford,

Charles [illegible], Constable of Bedford,

A true Copy of Original Document,
Attest Charles [illegible] Clerk of the
Town of Bedford

197 Meeting [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] Warrant, [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] whole number of ballots was [illegible] hundred and [illegible]

[illegible] had fifty nine

[illegible]

[illegible]

Voted [illegible] three hundred dollars [illegible] the [illegible]

Voted to raise [illegible] hundred dollars [illegible]

[illegible] for the year ensuing [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

7th Voted [illegible] Hundred dollars [illegible]
[illegible] dollars
[illegible] be expended on the [illegible]
and Bridges under the direction of the Selectmen
[illegible]

[illegible] that the mode of collecting the taxes shall [illegible] all respects be the same as last year. [illegible] taxes shall be paid in [illegible] payments, one half on the first day of October and the other half on the first day of February next.

Voted that the collector be authorized and [illegible] the inhabitants [illegible] Bank Bills in payment of taxes.

[illegible] 28 15

9th. Voted that the Selectmen be a committee [illegible] to paint and cause such repairs to be made as they may think proper.

10 [illegible] an Engine Company made a [illegible] 1858

11 [illegible]

12 [illegible]

13 [illegible]

A true Record

Attest Reuben Brown Town Clerk

Pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth passed Feb 10th AD 1823

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford at a meeting this day holden for the purpose, have licensed and do hereby license Oliver W. Lane and Thomas Hurd of said Bedford, to sell at Publick Vendue or outcry any goods or chattles whatsoever. Given under our hands at Bedford this 5th day of December 1827.

William Webber
Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell

Pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth passed Feb. 10th 1823 We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford at a meeting holden for the purpose, have licensed and do hereby license Oliver W. Lane and Thomas Hurd of said Bedford, to sell at Publick Vendue or outcry any goods or chattles whatsoever. Given under our hands at Bedford this 8th day of Dec. 1828.

William Webber
Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell.

Pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth passed Feb. 10th 1823. We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, at a meeting holden for the purpose this day, have licensed and do hereby license Oliver W. Lane and Thomas Hurd - of said Bedford, to sell at Publick vendue or outcry any goods or chattles whatsoever.
Given under our hands at Bedford this 7th day of Dec. 1829.

William Webber,
Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell

Pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed Feb 10th. 1823 & former acts we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford at a meeting holden for the purpose this day have licensed, and do hereby license Oliver W. Lane of said Bedford, to sell at Publick vendue or outcry, any goods or Chattels whatever.
Given under our hands at Bedford this 23d day of December [illegible]

Reuben Bacon

By Virtue of of the Statute of 1795 Chapter 8th, Section first, We the subscribers at a Meeting held for the purpose of licensing Auctioneers, and all having had notice, have licensed and do hereby license, Oliver, W. Lane, of Bedford, to be auctioneer to make sale of any kind of goods or chattels whatsoever at public vendue or outcry, for the term of one year from this date and no longer unless your license is renewed, Given under our hands at Bedford this twentysixth day of December A, D, 1831

Reuben Bacon }
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen of Bedford
Joseph, Brown }

Pursuant to a request made to the undersigned fence viewers for the town of Bedford, by the Heirs of the estate of the late Rev. Samuel Stearns, and George Simonds, to divide the line of fence, and aſsign the support of the same between their estates. We have examined the said line of fence and find the whole length to be fifty one rods and eleven links. We divide and aſsign to George Simonds, the north part of said line beginning at land of David Fitch and running Southerly thirty two rods and four links, to a stake and stones; being five eighths of said line. And we aſsign to the heirs of the late Rev. Samuel Stearns, beginning at the last mentioned bound, and running Southerly Nineteen rods and seven links to land of Joel Fitch; being three eighths of said line. The parties acquiesce in the above division, and mutually agree to support their respective divisions of said fence.

Given under our hands at Bedford, this Twenty-third day of April A.D. 1845

Nathl. C. Cutler }
P. W. Chamberlain } Fence
Thomas Goodwin } Viewers

A true copy of original.
Attest, Joel Fitch, Town Clerk

The under signed hereby agree to the following division of the line of fence between the Estates belonging to the heirs of the late Joel Fitch Esqr & the estate belonging to the heirs of the late Revd Samuel Stearns. viz One half of the said fence extending from the road northward fifty two & a half feet is to be supported & kept in good repair by the heirs of the late Joel Fitch Esqr, & the other half of the same extending southwesterly from the land of George Simonds fifty two & a half feet is to be supported & kept in good repair by the heirs of the late Revd Samuel Stearns

Bedford September 1st 1846 Abigail Stearns
Susannah Fitch

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Memorandum — This agreement this day made and signed in duplicate between Eleazer P. Davis of the one part and Thomas G. Butters of the other part witnesseth that the parties herein named have made a division of the line of fence dividing their land situated on the north side of the road leading from Bedford to Concord lying in Bedford being part upland and part Swamp each party hereby agree with eachother to support a good and sufficient fence in future upon the line as described by the measurement following to wit. beginning upon the Road as aforesaid at the point of division of their Land Eleazer P. Davis shall take three and one half rods running northerly from the point of beginning from thence Thomas G Butters shall take twelve and one half rods from thence Eleazer P. Davis shall take sixteen rods & 6 feet and from thence Thomas G. Butters shall take seven rods and 6 ft to a stake and stones at the end of the line between the parties as aforesaid each party shall own and hold the fence at this time standing on the respective divisions as above stated.

Done at Bedford this eighth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

In presence of John W. Simonds Eleazer P. Davis
A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk Thomas G. Butters

Bethlem January 11th 1849

We the undersigned have made the following agreement relative to a division of fence between George Dutton and Isaac P. Bacon on the Pine hill so called. said Dutton commences at the southerly end of said lot on the pine hill Road thence running northerly to a stone bound one half of the length of the old wall as it now stands said Bacon commences at the last named bound running in the same direction one half of the whole length of said fence to a bound at the end of a new wall as it now stands said Dutton commences at the last named bound running northerly to land of John Smith. To have and to hold the above named division with the priviledges and appurtenances there to belonging to the said George Dutton and Isaac P. Bacon their Heirs and Assigns forever. In witness whereof we set our hands this eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

George Dutton
Attest Lydia P. Dutton. Isaac P. Bacon

A true Copy, Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Bedford January 12th 1849

We the undersigned have made the following agreement relating to a division of fence between Joseph Brown and Isaac P. Bacon on the pine hill (so called) said Brown commences at the southerly end of said lot on the pine hill road thence running northerly to a stake and stones one half of the whole length. said Bacon commences at the last named bound running in the same direction to land of John Smith.

To have and to hold the above named division with the privileges and appurtenances there to belonging to the said Joseph Brown and Isaac P. Bacon their heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof we set our hands this twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand and forty nine

Joseph Brown.
Attest Rachel Brown
Isaac P. Bacon.

A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

An agreement in relation to a division of Fence between Jonas Monroe on the one part and P. W. Chamberlin trustee and Thomas and Jane Smith of the other part made this tenth day of November A.D. 1852, witnesseth that on the line between the land of the said parties situated in the village of Bedford, the said Monroe assumes the maintainance of the fence, commencing at the County road thence running North westerly one hundred and forty four feet, (144) ft to stake and stones from thence on the same line the parties of the other part assume the maintainance of the said fence one hundred and forty four feet (144) to a corner also from thence Southerly fifty nine feet (59) to stake & stones from thence on the same line the said Monroe assumes the maintainance of the said fence fifty nine feet (59) to other land of the said Monroe

Jonas Monroe
A true Copy attest
P. W. Chamberlin. Trustee
Thomas Smith
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk
Jane P. Smith

Memorandum of an agreement made this 2 day of July 1849 by and between Thomas G. Atkins on the one part, and William H. Ropes on the other part both of Bedford Witnesseth.

That whereas there is a division fence needed on the line which divides the wood lot and unimproved meadow of said Atkins from the meadow and wood lot of the said Ropes (it being the easterly line of the northerly part of said Atkins land and the westerly line of said Ropes land) It is now agreed that the southerly half of said fence shall be made and supported by the said Atkins and the northerly half thereof shall be made and supported by the said Ropes and this agreement being recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of the said town of Bedford shall be perpetually binding on the owners of the said lots their heirs and assigns forever.

Witness our hands and seals the day and year aforesaid

William H. Ropes

Attest Earl C White

Thomas G. Atkins.

A true Copy, Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

An agreement made this first day of March A.D. 1853 between Cyrus Page on the one part and the town of Bedford on the other it is agreed that a division fence is needed between lands of the above named parties. The town commence at the south end at the corner of Joseph Thadwill's land thence running northerly twenty feet thence easterly eight and 1/2 rods to the centre of said line. Said Page agrees to build eight & 1/2 rods from the centre of said line running easterly to the ditch the above named parties agree to build and support the fence on the line agreeably to the above named division

Cyrus Page

William D. Reed Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor

A true Copy Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

This memorandum of an agreement made this eighteenth day of September A D 1849 by and between John P. Reed of Bedford on the one part and William H. Ropes of the same Bedford on the other part witnesseth that whereas there is a division fence needed on the line which divides the land of the said Reed from the land of the said Ropes it being the southerly line of said Ropes land and the northerly line of that part of said Reeds land which lies westerly of the road leading from Bedford to Billerica it is now agreed that the said Reed shall make and support the easterly half of the fence on the said line and that said Ropes shall make and support the westerly half thereof and this agreement being recorded in the office of the town Clerk of the said Town of Bedford shall be perpetually binding on the several owners of the said lands their heirs and assigns forever Witness our hands and seals this day and year aforesaid

Attest
Austin Bryant
John P. Reed
William H. Ropes

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

This memorandum of an agreement made the twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord 1849 by and between Hutchinson Rogers of Billerica on the one part and William H. Ropes on the other part witnesseth that whereas there is a division fence needed in that part of the line dividing the land of the said Rogers from the land of the said Ropes which extends from the Road leading from Bedford to Chelmsford to and across the first meadow to a point where the lands of the said Rogers, the said Ropes & Franklin Stearns meet at the corner it is now agreed that the said Ropes commencing at the aforesaid Road shall make and support the easterly half of the fence from the Road to a corner also thirteen & one half feet less that the southerly half of the fence from the aforesaid corner to another corner also from the last mentioned corner westerly to a stake by the wall also from a post at the westerly end of said wall one half

the distance across the meadow All the divisions being marked by stakes and the said Rogers shall erect and support the residue of the fence on the aforesaid line.
And this agreement being recorded in the office of the town Clerk of the said town of Bedford shall be perpetually binding on the several owners of the said lots their heirs and assigns forever.
Witness our hands and seals the day and year aforesaid

Attest Elbridge W. Stearns
Hutchinson Rogers
William H. Ropes

A true Copy Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

The undersigned hereby agree to the following division of the line of fence between the Estates of Justus P. Hastings and Joshua Jackson in the following manner viz. Said Hastings commences at the Road leading from Bedford to Billerica on the easterly side and running about sixty five rods to a stake and stones. Said Hastings agrees to support and keep in good repair the above named line of fence.
The said Joshua Jackson commences at the stake and stones & running easterly about sixty five rods to land of Joseph Brown, said Jackson agrees to support and keep in good repair the above named line of fence from the above named stake and stones. Said Hastings half is on the westerly end and Jacksons on the easterly.
And this agreement being recorded in the Office of the town Clerk of the said town of Bedford shall be perpetually binding on the several owners of said Estates their heirs and assigns forever witness our hands this eighteenth day of October 1849

Attest Thomas Stiles
Justus P. Hastings
Joshua Jackson

A true Copy Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

This memorandum of agreement made this tenth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and fifty nine by and between Cyrus L. Crosby of Charlestown on the one part and John Merriam P. W. Chamberlin and Albert Bacon of Bedford a committee in behalf of the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford on the other part Witnesseth that whereas there is a division needed in the fence on the line between the northerly side of the farm belonging to the said Crosby in Bedford and the Southerly side of the Shawsheen Cemetery belonging to said Inhabitants. Now it is agreed that the Easterly half part of said fence shall be erected and supported by the said Cyrus L. Crosby and the Westerly half part by the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford and this agreement being recorded in the Office of the town Clerk of Bedford shall be perpetually binding upon the several owners of said lots their heirs Assigns and successors forever

Witness our hands and Seals the day and year aforesaid

Attest L. Gullion witness to C. L. C.
Elbridge Jones

Cyrus L. Crosby
John Merriam
P. W. Chamberlin
Albert Bacon

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Bedford August 29th 1851

An agreement made this day between Hugh Lane on the one part and Cyrus Page on the other, a division line of fence between land of the within named Persons. Commencing twelve and one half feet from the south west Corner of land of Capt Elijah Skelton to a stake and Stones thence running westerly to the great meadow brook about twenty five 1/2 rods Hugh Lane builds and supports the Easterly part to a Stake & Stones about twelve and 1/2 rods, and Cyrus Page builds and supports the westerly part about thirteen rods to the great meadow brook Hugh Lane agrees to build and support the twelve and 1/2 feet from the corner of land of Elijah Skelton to the first mentioned bound A true Copy Attest

Hugh Lane
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk   Cyrus Page

1827 Orders

June 25	To Roger Reed for 2 cords wood for Revd Saml Stearns.	×	7	96
25	To Roger Lane for work on the Center Road in March 1827	×	4	95
25	To Alpheus Moriam for Ringing the Bell &c. for one year	×	29	00
25	To Reuben Bacon for two Books for Town Records	×	6	25
25	To John Merriam for an order given by Thomas Page for the repair of Carlisle Bridge & Road as pr contract	×	64	00
July 30	To Charles Spaulding for Bell rope	×	3	00
30	To Capt. Moses Abbott for repair of the old School house agreeably to a vote of the Town	×	10	00
30	To Doc. Amos Preston for attendance on the Poor ending Feb. 18th 1827	×	24	00
30	To Mather Hayward for Newsetting the Burying yard wall. as pr Vote of the Town	×	37	25
30.	To wid. Mary Hartwell for support of Asa Reeds Children to May 13th 1827. in full	×	2	00
30	To Eliab B. Lane for work done on the Great road in the year 1826	×	6	45
Sept. 24	To Luther Eaton for necessaries furnished Miss Wheeler in 1826.	×		89
24	To Joel Fitch a late Collector for the abatement of the following persons Poll taxes, John Edwards Doncarlos Griswould, Mathias Hale, Alfred Price Joseph White & Joel Gleason, also Isaac Hills tax 1 36	×	9	31
24	To Elijah Stearns for gate, Posts, and labour Newsetting the wall on the west side of the Burying yard	×	18	60
24	To Joseph Brown for repairing the Great Road agreeably to a vote of the Town — in part	×	50	00
24	To Oliver R. Abbott in part for the North School districts proportion of Money.			
Oct 1	To John Bacon for cash paid for Graves heads	×	3	80
1	To Elijah Stearns, for 2 casks of Powder & paper	×	6	61
1	To Joel Fitch for Service as Collector for 1826	×	16	
1	To William Webber for service as Assessor & Clerk in part for 1827	×	20	43
19	To Amos Hartwell for service as Assessor & Overseer of Poor	×	4	43
Nov. 26	To Joseph Brown for repair of the Great Road agreeably to a vote of the Town. in full to this date	×	53	67
Dec 31.	To Thomas Hurd for Selectmens & Committee expence in part	×	6	00
1828 Jany 28	To Joshua Page for repairs of Meeting house &c.	×	2	42
8	To Elijah Stearns for repairing School house & John Hall. also for [illegible] as pr bills	×	11	03
March 13.	To Joseph Brown for work on the Center Road	×	1	17
June 4	To William Page for repairing East School house	×	2	18
4	Thomas Hurd for expences in part for Selectmen & Overseer Poor	×	5	00
4	To Zeba French for repair of ~~North School~~ west School house	×	1	85

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School Orders

1827 August	+27	To Betsey Stearns for boarding School Mistress thirteen weeks	x	14	62
	27+	To Sarah A. Stearns for teaching School 13. weeks —	+	17.	22
Sept.	24+	To Abigail Stearns for teaching School & board in the South district 13. weeks — — —	x	31-	42
	24+	To Wm Hannaford in part of the West School district proportion of Money —	+	30	11
	24+	To Oliver M. Abbott in part of the North School districts proportion of money — —	x	38	40
Octr.	1st+	To Maria H. Stearns for tuition & board in the East School	+	30.	33
1828+ Jany	28	To Elijah Stearns for 2 cords wood for Center School	x	8-	60
March	3+	To John C. Buttrick School Committee for the Center School district in full of said districts money	x	8.	45
1828 Feb	4+	To William Page School Committee for East district in part	+	30	00
	4+	To John C. Buttrick School Committee for Center School in part	x	52	00
	7+	To Oliver M. Abbott School Committee for North School in part	x	49,	05
	[illegible]+	To Zeba French School Committee for west School	x	49	76
	[illegible]4+	To Moses Page School Committee for South School in full	x	54	97
[illegible]	+	To William Page School Committee for East School in full	+	35	12
Aug	8	To Thomas Hurd School Comtt. for Center School in part	x	33.	00
Sept.	8	To John W. Hayward in part of the North School districts Money	x	35	00
	10	To Benjn Bacon School Committee for the East district in part — — —	x	15	00
	29	To Obed Stearns School Committee for the South district in part of their proportion of Money —	+	30	00
	29	To Leander Harner School Committee for the West district in part of their proportion of Money	x	30	00
Oct.	6.	To Benjn Bacon School Committee for East district in part	+	16.	25
Nov.	13	To Jesse Robinson for ½ cords wood dd. west School house	x	6	00
1829 Feb	1st	To Benjn Bacon School Comtt for East School	x	43.	54
Feb	2d	To Thomas Hurd Comtt for Centre School dated 31st Jan 1828.	x	60	50
	2nd	To John W. Hayward Comtt for north School	x	49	45
	16	To Obed Stearns School Committee for the South district	x	43.	20
March	3	To Oliver [illegible] for 10 feet wood dd at East School	x	5	13
	3	To Leander Harner School Committee for the west district in full of their proportion of money 1828	x	43	..
April	2	To John W. [illegible] for wood furnd School [illegible] in East dist	x	16.	62
	20	To Thomas Hurd for wood for Center School	x	2.	78

Center School	drawn less than their proportion		$5 .. 21
East	more their proportion	1828 ending May 1st 1829	1 .. 09
North	their proportion		
South	less than their proportion		13 .. 01
West	less Do.		86

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1828

Feb 25	To John P. [illegible] for repair of the Center School house	×	2	85
March 17	To Wm. Webber in full Service as Assessor & Town Clerk for 1827	×	15	54
24	To John Brown for services as Town Treasurer for 1827	×	12	00
24	To Elijah Stearns for six cords for Rev. Saml. Stearns	×	24	
24	To Mather Hayward for working Nonresidents taxes on the highways	×		91
April 21	To Asa Page for support of Esther Reed & Child for 1826 in full as pr contract	×	3.	35
28	To Moses Page for three cords wood del. Rev Saml. Stearns	×	11.	95
28	To Elijah Stearns for three cords wood del. Rev Saml. Stearns	×	11.	85
28	To Thomas Heard for two cords wood del. Rev Saml. Stearns	×	8	00
28	To Nehemiah Ball in full for support of Mrs Hallett to May 13th 1827	×	1	00
28	To Amos Hartwell for services as assessor in full 1827	×	1.	00
28	To Thomas Heard for Selectmen & Committees expenses in full to April 28. 1828	×	10	10
28	To Joshua Page for two cords wood del. Rev Saml. Stearns	×	8	00
28	To Michael Crosby for working out Nonresidents highway taxes 1827	×	3	77
May 5	To Oliver W. Lane for setting wall by Rev Saml Stearns land on the road pr vote of Town	×	6.	80 ×
5	To Elijah Stearns for School Books	×	1.	32
5	To Joshua Page balance due for Town Hall	×	7	5.6
5	To Charles Spaulding for ringing the bell sweeping the Meeting house &c and care of the Town Hall	×	33	87
13.	To Eleazer Davis for Extra work on the highway	×	2.	50
22	To Abner Stearns for 4 cords wood delivered Rev S. Stearns	×	16.	00
22	To Albert Brown for using Clarinett in sacred Music	×	10.	00
30	To Augustus Warner for using Instrument in time of Publick worship from May 1827 to May 1828	×	7	00
August 25	To Jesse Robinson for mowing brush in burying yard	×	2	00
Sept 16.	To David Fitch for service as Collector for 1827	×	19	00
29	To Charles Gragg for repair of locks &c on Town Hall	×	1	17
29	To William Page for two ballot boxes	×	1	75
29	To Thomas Page for keeping Carlisle Bridge in repair for one year ending May 1828.	×	22.	00
Oct 6	To William Webber in part for service as Assessor & Clerk	×	21	62
6	To Amos Hartwell in part for services as Assessor	×	5	50
6	To David Fitch a Collector for abatement of Daniel Simonds Poll tax 0.50 William Buckman 1.91, Jesse Clark 2.15 Joel Glasier 1.91 Joseph Parkhurst Jr 1.91. Orin Reed 1.91 & Joseph Whitney 1.91	×	12	20
6	To Reuben Brown in full for services as Assessor for 1827	×	7	00
6.	To David Lampson for cutting & splitting wood for Town Hall	×	–	92
6	To Joseph Brown for work on the Great Road as pr Vote of the Town	×	100.	00

1828

Oct.	11.	To Oliver Pollard for amount of a highway tax for 1827, which he has worked the present year, as per the present Surveyors certificate	x	4	18
Dec	8	To Joseph Brown in full for work on the Center Road, as per vote of the Town	x	43.	12
	29	To Oliver A. Abbott for repairs of D. S. School house	x		33
1829 Feb	2nd.	To John W. Hayward for repairs of North school house 96 cts. 8¾ feet wood furnished town Hall. 4.38	x	5	34
	16	To Thomas Hurd for wood del. Rev. Saml. Stearns in part	x	10	00
March	2	To Josiah Hill for 8 cords wood del. Samuel Stearns	x	32	20
	2	To Wm. Webber in full for service as assessor & Town Clerk for 1828.	x	9	48
	17	To Charles Gragg for setting glass in Town Hall	x		79
	24	To Abel Green for abatement of a minister tax set to him on a part of Wm. Hannaford's Real Estate through mistake.	x	3	[illegible]
April	10.	To Albert Bacon for using Clarinett in public worship	x	10	00
	19	To Benjn. Reed for 4 cords wood delivered Rev. S. Stearns	x	16	00
	20	To Thomas Hurd for in full for 8 cords wood delivered Rev. Samuel Stearns	x	22	10
		Thomas Hurd for Selectmens, and School Committee and Engine affairs	x	11	82
	20	To ~~William~~ George Butler for fixing Lightning rod	x	1	75
	20	To John Rand for services as Treasurer for 1828	x	12	–
	27	To Moses Hayward & Co for Bibles for singers & school Books	x	3	25
	27th	To Amos Hartwell for service as assessor and selectman up to this date in full	x	2	[illegible]
	27th	To Oliver W. Lane for service as one of the Inspecting School Committee for 1828	x	9	[illegible]
	27	To E. Stearns Esq for Powder & School Books	x	4	66
	27th	To Wid. Hannah Warren Interest on Town note	x	9	60
	27	To Jn. M. Crosby for plank for Mill Bridge 2.00 " " " Working nonresidents taxes 2,50	x	4	50
May	5	To George Wilson for care of Meeting house & Town Hall, ring bell &c. for one year ending May 4th. 1829	x	41	62
June	14	To Thomas Page for repairing the Carlisle Bridge, in full	x	21	50
August	25	To Benjn. Webber a Surveyor of highways for 1829, for working Nonresidents taxes	x	2	23
Sept.	14	To Elijah Stearns for Candles for the singers	x	1	52
		To Lemuel Thomas for repairing School house	x	2.	50
Oct.	5	To Elijah B. Lane for plank for Carlisle Bridge	x	16	19
	5	To William Webber in part for service ~~and~~ as Clerk and Assessor for 1829	x	14	00
	5	To Oliver A. Abbott for labour done on the Great Road according to a vote of the Town	x	39	74

School Orders.

1829			
Sept 14	To Eleazer Davis School Committee in part for the West district	×	26.00
Oct. 5	to Roger Lane School Committee in part of the South districts proportion	×	18 00
5	To Nathaniel Page School Committee, twenty five dollars, in part for East district	×	25 00
5	To Silas Dudley School Committee in part for the Center districts proportion	×	34 25
5	To David Lane Jr School Committee in part for North district	×	14.00
5	To David Lane Jr School Committee in part of the North district proportion	×	24 50
14	To Roger Lane School Committee in part of the South district proportion of Money	×	13.00
1830 Jan 29	To David Lane in part for North School district	×	34 88
Feb 1st	To Roger Lane in part for South school district	×	20 00
" 1st	To Eleazer Davis for West school district	×	53 86
15th	To Benjn A Webber for Boarding East school Master 11 Weeks	×	17 42
19	To Silas Dudley for Centre school district.	×	73 62
21st	To Roger Lane for the use of south school district	×	48 00
24th	To David Lane for North school district in full	×	14 07
March 1st	To Benjamin A Webber for Boarding east School Master	×	3 17
5th	To Cyrus Page for the use of the East school district	×	49 35

including unsettled account on page 211 to May 1st 1829
the accounts of the several districts with the Town May
1st 1830 Centre over drawn 1.67
East " " .58
North drawn their Proportion
South drawn less " .22
West " " " 87

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1829

Oct. 5	To Amos Hartwell for service as Assessor for 1829 in part	x	8 00
5	To Reuben Bacon for services as Assessor for 1828 in full	x	6.50
5	To Reuben Bacon for sundry services cash paid as per acct	x	5 61
5	To Joseph Brown for work on the Great Road as per vote of the town in part	x	45 00
5th	To Capt Joel Fitch for abatement of David Hills taxes in part	x	3 21
14	To Simeon Blodgett &c; Coffin for Mrs Wheeler	x	3.50
Dec 7th	To Joseph Brown for work on Middle road in full	x	9 91
7	To Joel Fitch a Collector for abatement of Poll taxes Viz; Joel Britton 2.05 Joel Gleason 2.05 John Hamaford 1.55 Elijah Beach 1.13 Joseph Wilson 2.05 Joseph White 2,05 and Royall Russell 1.30	x	12.18
7	To Joel Fitch for services as Collector for 1828	x	21 00
7	To Oliver W Lane for perambulating town lines one day	x	1.00
17	To Reuben Bacon for Monumental Stones between Concord and Bedford and erecting the same	x	6.17
28	To Caleb Blake for ten cords wood del.d and Beams	x	36.00
Feb 1830 1st	To Oliver R Abbott for repairs to North school House	x	1 12
" 1st	To Eleazer Davis for repairs of West school House	x	2 00
" 1st	To George Dutton for repairing pick & scraper	x	2 25
1st	To John Bacon for perambulating line between Belerica & Bedford & service in erecting Stone monuments between Concord & Bedford	x	2 00
9th	To Eliab B. Lane for selecting & teaming plank for Carlisle Bridge	x	8.00
19	To Silas Dudley for repairs done to Centre school House	x	1 93
March 1st	To William Webber ballance for services as Assessor Selectman & Town Clerk	x	13 [illegible]
" 9th	To Silas Dudley for 10 cords wood del'd [illegible] Beams	x	36 00
April 19	To Albert Bacon for using Instrument with singing choir one year ending Apl. 1st 1830	x	10 00
19th	To Reuben Bacon for Services as Selectman and Assessor from March 1st 1829 to 1st March 1830	x	13 00
19th	To Reuben Bacon for Cash paid for Making Cartridges & repairing Meeting house Windows	x	2 63
19	To John Bacon for service as Treasurer for one year ending March 1st 1830. 10.00 Do for collecting & paying Town debts as per Vote of the town 6.00	x	16 00
19	To Amos Hartwell in full for Service as Selectman and Assessor for the year ending March 1st 1830	x	3 50
May 2nd	To John Merriam for perambulating line between Lincoln & Bedford	x	1 00
3d	To Lewis P. Gleason for care of Meeting house & Town Hall Ring Bell &c. for one year ending May 1st 1830	x	42 00

Orders

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May 17th	To Capt Timothy Page for working nonresidents taxes 1829	×	70.	
31st	To Benjn A. Welber for Over work as highway surveyor 1829	×	1	57
June 18th	to Marshall Cutter for repairs to Meetinghouse tower	×	7	00
July 3d	to Charles Wheeler for Stone Monuments between L. & B.	×	3	00
Sept 1st	To Elijah Stearns for Powder & paper delivered to Militia Oct 1829	×	4	51
Sept. 23d	To Eliab B. Lane for Plank for the Carlisle & other Bridges	×	45	[illegible]
Oct. 4th	To Joel Fitch for work on the road as agent in part	×	35	00
" "	To John W Hayward for wood for Town Hall Selectmen & Committee's expences for 1829	×	12	88
" "	To Amos Hartwell in part for service as Selectman and assessor for 1830	×	10	00
" "	To Joshua Page for repairs of Bell Irons for Meeting house repairs to hearse &c.	×	4	83
	To John W. Hayward Collector for 1829 for sundry Taxes which he has not been able to Collect Viz Ezekiel W. Preston by mistake in surveyor of Highway ,43 cents. Jacob Rolfe taxed in N. H. 1,80 Royal Russell Mistake in surveyor ,43 cts Ira Barney Poll tax 1,80 Calvin Clark Poll & Personal Estate 3,63 William Goodridge 1,80 Jonas Puffer Poll 1,80 Walton Wood 1,80 Thompson Baron Jr 1,80 total	×	15	29
aug 11	To Jesse Robinson for filling in gravel and seeding in front of the Meetinghouse and Townhouse & Mowing bushes in burying ground as pr bill	×	6	58
" 12	To Roger Lane for Repairing South school House 1829	×	1	45
14	To Eliab B. Lane for Plank and Work on Carlisle Bridge	×	20	00
Nov 22	To Town of Billerica for half expence of Stone Monuments between Towns	×	6	67
183				
January 7th	To Abner Stearns for making new bell yoke & hanging bell anew as pr bill	×	12	03
" 8th	To Caleb M Blake in repairing west school House	×		.55
" 18	To John W Hayward for service as Collector of Taxes for the year 1829	×	20	00
Feb 7th	To Wm Everett for painting and lettering Guide Boards as pr Bill	×	10	13
7th	To Reuben Baron in part for service as assessor & Selectman for 1830	×	6	00.
7th	To Joel Fitch for work done on the High ways as agent	×	5	77
7th	To Capt Joel Fitch in part for service as assessor and Selectman	×	10	00.
7	To Caleb S Brown for expences of Selectmen and Committee	×	7	50

Town Orders 1831

Feb 1st	To Samuel Reed in part for taking care of Meeting House & Ringing bell.	×	15,00
7th	To David Rice for irons for hanging bell	×	8 50
7th	To Eliab B. Lane for work & Plank on Bridge & road	×	15 00
21st	To Peter Farmer for non residents taxes work on highways	×	2 01
March 1st	To Joshua Page for bell Tongue including Journey to the forge 6.50. Do for Repairing funnel in Center School house ,75	×	7 25
4th	To Eliab B Lane in full for Plank and work on the Carlisle and other Bridges for 1829 & 30	×	24 39
21st	To Matthew Hayward for four Cords and 2 ft. of Wood del'd Rev Mr Stearns	×	15 54
21st	To Ralph Lane for 16 Cords of wood del'd Rev Samuel Stearns	×	58 08
April 6th	To John G Hales for taking a plan and survey of the town in conformity to a Resolve of the General Court	×	35 00
Apl 15th	To Elbridge W. Stearns for Making guide boards	×	2 67
" 26th	To John Bacon for service as Town Treasurer for one year ending March 1831	×	12 00
" 29	To Samuel Reed for ringing bell, and care of Meetinghouse & town Hall, to May 1st 1831	×	25 00
29	To Elias Stearns for service as School Committee one year ending may 1st 1830	×	1 50
30th	To Henry Vinton for Minister Taxes paid by mistake	×	4 77
30th	To Heirs of E Stearns Esq for Powder act. 1830	×	3 25
30th	To Amos Hartwell for expense of Stone Monuments between towns, and school house repairs in South district as pr bill	×	3 83
30th	To Amos Hartwell in full for service as Selectman and assessor up to march 1831	×	8 00
30th	To Reuben Bacon for Cash paid for sundry articles as per bill	×	5 06
30th	To Reuben Bacon in full for Service as Selectman & Assessor to March 1st 1831	×	2 00
30th	To Reuben Bacon for service as Town Clerk for one year ending March 1st 1831	×	18 00
30	To Leonard White for abatement of Minister tax 1830		.86
30	To Rev Saml Stearns for service as school Committee one year ending May 1st 1831	×	11 50
30th	To Aaron Kittredge for service as school Committee 1830	×	7 50
30th	To Thompson Bacon Do Do Do 1830	×	4 50
30th	To Joel [illegible] for service as Selectman and assessor for one year ending March 1st 1831 [illegible]	×	2 44

School orders for 1830

July 12th	To Caleb M. Blake for the use of West school district	×	10	00
" "	To Rev Caleb Blake for boarding School teacher in " Do Do	×	8	00
August 15th	To Dr Amos Hartwell for South school district	×	20	67
" 22	To Joseph Brown for Centre school district	×	22	00
Sept 9th	To Oliver W. Lane for North school district	×	28	00
Oct 11th	To Oliver W Lane for North school district	×	10	55
Nov 29th	To Oliver W Lane in full for the North school district	×	19	75
[illegible]	To Amasa Lane in part for the East school district	×	[illegible]	[illegible]
1831 Jan 8th	To Caleb M Blake for West school district in part	×	19	75
" " "	To C. M. Blake " " " "	×	12	00
" " "	To Joseph Brown for the use of the Centre school district	×	47	[illegible]
28	To Dr Amos Hartwell for the South school district	×	27	[illegible]
March 26	To Amasa Lane for use of East School district district	×	32	75

March 1831 Including account on page 214 the several school districts have drawn as follows viz

Centre drawn More than their proportion as by distribution of 1818	3.34
South drawn their proportion	— — —
North Do Do Do	———
West Drawn less "	3.50
East " Less	8.30

the above Carried to 1832 & adjusted

School Orders for 1831

Sept 17th	To Isaac P. Bacon for East school district	×	25	50
" 17th	To Timothy Page for Centre school district	×	45	00
" 30th	To Uriah Goodwin for North school district	×	30	[illegible]
Nov 14	To Ebenr Hayward for the West school district	×	20	00
" 25	To Benjamin F Hartwell for the South school district	×	48	00
1832 Jany 30th	To Timothy Page for the Centre school District	×	93	80
Feb 6th	To Benjamin F Hartwell for South school district	×	[illegible]	[illegible]
" 10	To Ebenezer Hayward for West school district	×	51	00
" 23	To Isaac P. Bacon for The east school district	×	80	00
March 30th	To Uriah Goodwin for the North school district	×	57	45

taking into account the variation of last year the several districts have drawn from the treasury as follows

Centre drawn More than their proportion	80 cents
East Drawn More " " "	1.75
South " their Proportion	———
West " Less — —	12 37
North " Their Proportion	———

1831 Town Debtor

May 23	To [illegible] for [illegible] and labour in erecting the same for guide Boards	×	4	33
[illegible]	[illegible] 1831	×		95
July 21st	To John W Hayward for abatement as Collector of taxes on pine Lot 1829 no owner found	×		66
" 22nd	To Caleb A Barrow for Selectmen's expences Feb 20th 1831	×		75
Aug 15th	To Marshall Cutler for repairs to town Hall	×	1	00
Nov 14	To Oliver R Abbott for Work done on the road as by vote of the town	×	39	46
" 14	To Oliver R Abbott for repairs of North School house	×	3	44
" 14	To George Crosby for working nonresidents taxes 1830	×	2	[illegible]
" 14	To Ebenr Hayward for repairs to west School House	×		73
" 16th	To Amos Hartwell in part for services as assessor for 1831	*	16	[illegible]
"	To Reuben Bacon in part " " " " 1831	*	7	[illegible]
25	To William Webber for Service as assessor for 1831 as pr acc	*	19	12
28th	To Timothy Page for Work done on the road as pr vote of town 1831	×	57	70
Decr 16th	To Saml Reed in part for ringing bell at noon & nine O'Clock for the year 1831	×	18	00
1832 Feb 6th	To Joseph Brown in part for Service as assessor 1831	*	14	00
" "	To Reuben Bacon " " " "	*	7	00
" "	To John Merriam in full " " " "	*	15	00
" "	To Hayward & Merriam for Powder & paper for Militia for the year 1830 & 1831 as pr Bill	×	9	35
[illegible] 25th	To Roger Fuller for expenses of Selectmen & assessors from April 1831 to 25th Feb 1832	×	8	75
" 27	To William Webber for Recording Original and taxes for 1830 & 1831	×	4	06
April	To Joseph Brown in full for Service as Selectman for the year 1831 7.37 To in repairs of Centre school house 1830 100	×	8	37
April [illegible]th	To John Bacon for Service as Treasurer & Commission in paying town debts &c for 1832	×	15	00
28	To Samuel Reed for Ringing Bell and care of Town Hall for one year ending May 1st 1832 in full	×	4	50
28th	To Rev Saml Stearns for service as School Committee for one year ending April 1st 1832	×	17	00
28	To Amos Hartwell in full for services as Selectman and Assessor for 1831	×	15	50
28	To Caleb W Blake for Services as School Committee 1831	×	8	00
29th	To Reuben Bacon in full for services as assessor Selectman for 1832 one year ending March & town Clerk	×	28	12
"	To Thomas Hurd for Assessors & Selectmens expenses for 1831	×	14	44
				86

Parish Orders 1831

amount Assessed 1831
arising from funds

599 18
54 15
653,33

Nov 18th	To Rev Saml Stearns" Sallary in part	$ ×	280	--
1832 Feb 23d	To Benjamin Foster for 20 Cords wood dld Rev Saml Stearns at 4.25 pr Cord"	" ×	85	--
april 28	To Samuel Reed for ringing Bell & care of Meeting House for one year ending 1st May 1832 on Sabbath days	×	13	50
apl 28	To Caleb M. Blake for using Instrument with Singing Choir 1831	×	5	00
" 28	To Albert Bacon for using Instrument with the Singing Choir for one year ending May 1832	×	5	00
28	To Reuben Bacon for setting Glass in Meeting House	×		33
29	To Thompson Bacon for Cash paid for supply of the pulpit seven sabbaths, as one of Committee,	×	49	50
29th	To Rev Saml Stearns in part for his Salary	×	215	00
august 2nd	To Rev Saml Stearns in full for his Salary to 27th april last	×	10	85
	Amount of Parish Taxes assessed for the year 1832. $ 585.77		664	18

1833 Parish Orders | amt of P & H fund 52 10 / 637,87

March 4th	To Parish Committee for Supply of the Pulpit Paid Ministers as pr bill	×	69	00
" "	To Capt Page for entertainment for Do " "	×	9	00
" "	To John Keyes for Service as Counsil	×	25	00
" "	To Roger Fuller for entertaining Council	×	35	00
May 4th	To Joshua Page for 5 Cords & 6 ft of Wood for Rev S. Stearns	×	25	87
10th	To Thomas Page for 10 Cords & 4 feet of Wood for Rev Mr Stearns at 4,50 pr Cord	×	47	25
	To Rev Samuel Stearns for Salary in part	×	280	00
May 24	To Charles Follen for supply of the Pulpit on the first Sabbath in May	×	10	00
"	To John Bacon for Cash paid Mr Sibley for Supply of Pulpit 2nd Sabbath May	×	10	00
24th	To George Wilson for Ringing the bell for Parish purposes & care of Meeting House from May 1st 1832 to May 1st 1833	×	6	00
July 19th	To Ashael Stearns for advice in parish affairs	×	6	00
25	To Jacob Norton for supply of Pulpit 7 Sabbaths	×	42	00
"	To J L Sibley for Supply of Pulpit 2 Sabbaths	×	20	00
			585,12	

	total amt of available funds up to 1832 including Interest of Fund 1832	1291 20
	amt of Parish expenses paid to July 25th 1832	1249 30
1832	Balance in favour of Parish	41,90
July 25	Carried to Page 231	

Town Orders 1832

1832 May 5th	To John W Hayward for working nonresidents taxes & Removing snow as surveyor of Highways for 1831	×	4	12
5th	To Francis Wilson for working nonresidents taxes as Surveyor of Highways for 1831	×	9	77
7th	To Saml Reed for repairs to bell tongue &c. as pr bill	×	1	00
24th	To William Webber for Repairs to the east school House	×	48	00
Aug 24th	To Joshua Page for Repairs to Town House bell &c.	×	10	38
Oct 6th	To Eliab B Lane for Over work on road as surveyor 1829	×	6	50
Nov 12	To Obed Pollard for work on North road as agent 1832	×	50	00
17	To F B Goodridge ~~for~~ for Timber for Bridge.	×	8	75
" 19th	To John Reed for Plank for Bridge as Surveyor 1832	×	1	40
" 17	To Eleazer Davis for repairing West School House	×		60
" 19	To William Everett for repairing bier & Hearse 1831	×	11	17
" 19	To David Rice for collecting Taxes for the year 1830	×	22	50
" "	Do Do" for Sundry Taxes not Collected together with abatements for the year 1830 Viz Thomas Cutler 1,78 Silas Harndin 1,78 Abner Holt 1,78 - Ezekiel W. Preston 1,28 Nathaniel Page 3,76 Jesse Reed 1,78 Royal Russell 1,78 Stephen Stearns 1,78 Alonzo Townsend 1,78 Joseph Wheeler 1,78, Pine Lot ,81 Thos Brown 1,78 J. Bacon pr ,40 [illegible] Reed ,40 J Puffer ,43 Royal Russell ,40 Ira Barney 40 John Reed ,18 23,98 10,99 34,97	×	34	97
Dec 1st	to Benja W Webber for Repairs to east School House Stove &c. as pr bill	×	11	40

Further allowance to David Rice for taxes not collected for the year 1830 James C Russell 1,78 Joseph B Russell 1,78 Daniel Lawrence ,31 Asa Reed 1,78 Luther Eaton 1,78 John B Davis 1,78 Leonard Fiske 1,78 — 10,99 which added to the amt under date 19th Nov amounts to thirty four dollars 97/100 which the said Rice is to pay over to the Treasurer or any part thereof when the same may be collected

1833 January 5th	To Simeon Blodgett as pr Bill for repairing East school House	×	25	97
" Feb 4th	To Roger Fuller for Selectmen School and other Committee's Entertainment & Rooms	×	12	36
" 4	To Marshal Fuller for abatement of a part of his taxes assessed him for 1831	×	2	00
March 1st	To Mathew Hayward Jr for repairs to west school house	×	1	15
Feb 4th	To Eliab B Lane for Plank & Work on Carlisle Bridge	×	25	00
19	To Roger Fuller for Room fire & Victualing Selectmen & towns Committee Feb 22d & March 12 1833	×	2,	00
April 8	To John Bacon for Service as Treasurer one year ending March 4th 1833	×	12,	00
3	to Ebenr Hayward for working nonresidents taxes as Surveyor for 1832	×	2	98

School Orders 1832

Aug 16th	To Benjn A Webber for East school district	×	11	92	×
" "	To " " " " "	×	11	00	×
Sept 21st	To Peter Farmer for North district " "	×	38	50	×
Nov 19th	To Eleazer Davis for West school district	×	26	50	×
Dec 1st	To Eldridge Merriam for South school district	×	43	00	×
" 13	To Joshua Page for Centre school district	×	50	67	×
1832 Feb 1st	To B. A. Webber for East school district	×	57	99	×
" "	To Peter Farmer for the use of North school district	×	41	81	×
Feb 4	To Benjn A Webber for the use of East school district	×	5	00	×
" 17	to Eldridge Merriam	×	27	00	×
March 1st	To Mather Hayward Jr for West school district	×	59	12	×
19	To Joshua Page for the Centre district	×	78	02	×
1833 July 15th	To Edmund Hoar for the West School district	×	25	00	
August 26	To Obed Pollard for the north school district	×	38	00	
Oct 7th	To John P. Buttrick for east School district	×	24	00	
Oct. 7th	To Amos Hartwell for the use of South school district	×	39	00	
" 14th	To Saml Sage for the use of Centre " "	×	27	50	
" "	To Saml Sage " " " " "	×	29	33	
534 January 4th	to Obed Pollard for north district in full	×	42	31	
Feb 1st	To Edmund Hoar for West school district	×	16	00	
January 28th	To John P. Buttrick for east School district	×	63	66	
Feb 17th	to Edmund Hoar for West district in full	×	32	35	
March 3d	To Amos Hartwell for south school	×	50	34	

Town Orders 1833

May 4th To Joshua Page for repairs to Town
& Centre School house Cellar door as pr Bill × 3 50
7th To Elizabeth Stearns for abatement of Minister
tax on Carlisle lands for 1832 × 56
9th To Oliver M. Abbott for Repairs to North School House × 1 37
10 To Revd Saml Stearns for Service as School Committee × 15 00
10 To Samuel Hoar for advice in Sundry Cases
as pr Vote of the Town × 9 00
" To Reuben Bacon for Service as Com as above × 1 25
To Reuben Bacon for Service as Selectman & Assessor
for one year ending March 4th 1833 as pr Bill × 7 50
To Reuben Bacon for Service as Overseer of the Poor
for one year ending April 3d 1833 as pr bill × 6 00
To Reuben Bacon for Cash paid & Sundry
articles furnished for Poor 1832 as pr bill × 3 94
To Reuben Bacon for Service as Town Clerk
for one year ending March 4th 1833 × 18 00
10th To Amos Hartwell for Service as Selectman
and Assessor for one year ending March 4th
1833 and Overseer of the Poor to april 3d 1833 × 13 50
10 To Timothy Page for Service as Selectman and
Assessor for one year ending March 4th 1833, &
Overseer of Poor to apl 3d 1833 × 21 25
To David Fitch for Plank for Bridge × 5 99
To Timothy Page for Work & timber for Bridges
as pr Bill order dated Nov 19th 1832 × 7 33
To L. P. Page stuff for Bridges × 4 41
the above Is posted in the Town
expences for the year 1832

May 11th To Obed Pollard for Service Working out
non residents taxes for the year 1832 × 3 10
" 21st To David Lane for Wood furnished Town Hall × 2 50
To Joel Fitch as Collector for 1831 for Service × 21 50
To " " for Sundry taxes not Collected 1831 × 14 58
24th To George Wilson for Ring Bell for Town purposes
repairing & finding Rope × 23 00
Names of Persons whose taxes
were not Collected 1831 of James Clarks 2,18
Joel Gleason 2,04 Ezekiel W. Preston 1,50
James C Russell 2,04 Chandler
Hartwell 4,33 Ephraim Byam 2,04
Ezekiel W. Preston arrear of a highway tax 45
making in all 14,58 as pr order under date
of May 21st To Joel Fitch

Town Orders 1833

June 1st	To Hayward & Merriam for Oil for Singing Meetings 1831 as pr bill	×	1	35
" 1st.	To Hayward & Merriam for Books furnished Gustavus Hosmers Children & Emely Butler as pr bill	×		84
July 5th.	To Eliab B Lane for balance for Plank and work on Roads & Bridges to March 1833	×	9	27
19th	To Esther Reed for part expence of her youngest Child for 1832	×	5	00
Sept. 5th	To Jonas Munroe for Powder & Paper for Militia 1832 8.18 " " " Books old School Comt. &c. 167	×	9	85
Oct. 12	To L. P. Page for Diging grave for Mrs Hosmer & Mowing Bushes in burying Ground 1832 & 33	×	6	25
Nov 11.	To Joel Fitch for allowance of Mary Pierce's Taxes which were allowed to Overseers of the Poor	×	2	76
	To Azariah Proctor Jr for Room & entertainment for Selectmen Assessors & Committees from April 24th to Sept. 23d 1833. as pr bill	×	13	55
Jan 4th 1834	To Eldridge Stearns for Repairs to north School district house in part	×	50	00
1834 " 20th	To Uriah Goodwin for Stove, Funnel, Labour, & Materials Repairing School House in North district as pr Bill	×	33	10
Feb 17	To. Edmund Hoar for Repairs to West school House	×	3	00

Town Orders 1834

March 3d	To Eliab B Lane for repairing east bridge and other work on the road as agent	×	85	81
March 3d	To Azariah Proctor Jr for Room &c. as p Bill	×	3	25

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1833	Oct 10th order to Jeremiah Fitch for abatement of Minister tax 1832	×	10 28
" "	To Timothy Page in part for Parish Service and entertainment of Ministers	×	11 00
Dec 10th	To the Committee of the 1st Religious Society	×	205 00
March 3d	To Ashael Davis in part for service in the Ministry being income of the Page & Hartwell fund	×	56 15
	By A Bacon & A Hartwell		
May 5th 1834	To David Fitch	×	43 00
" "	" Eliab B Lane	×	37 87
	" Eliab B Lane	×	43 04
Sept 30th	" Timothy Page as Committee to supply pulpit	×	107 91
Oct. 31st 1833	To Cash paid Thompson Bacon as interest	×	75
	To Timothy Page for Entertainment of Ministers &c	×	42 86
	" David Page for fixing Lock to Meetinghouse	P.×	55
	" Ezekiel Sayles for Work on Bulkhead	P.×	6 00
	" Nathaniel Cutler for door " " &c	P.×	7 35
	" Orville Tyler for Dinners for Ministers	P.×	4 88
	" George Wilson Seting Glass	P.×	1 02
	" Joshua Page for Setting Glass	×	50
1835	" Fordice Bowen for Opening Town Hall	P.×	1 05
May 4th 1835	To George Wilson for Ringing bell & taking Care of Meetinghouse for one year	P.×	5 50
Apl 7th 1835	To Rev R F Wolcott	×	40 00
Sept 28th	order to Committee of 1st Parish being residue due from town to parish in full		214 55
1836 Jan	to Albert Bacon for Wood for house & hall	×	5 00
" 15th	" John Dennis for cutting the Same	×	1 31
Feb 2d	" John A Merriam as per Bill	×	2 97
May 2d	" [illegible] for ringing bell for lectures cleaning hall &c.	×	14 56
June 7	" Joshua Page for work and materials &c. in erecting stoves	×	14 20
Jun 21	" John McMerrill for entertainment [illegible] council	×	[illegible] 6
1835 Dec 16	" [illegible] for entertainment & in the case of Rev. Samuel [illegible]	×	12 [illegible]
21	" Clark & Frederick Bacon for transporting stoves and funnel &c	×	2 00
1836 Jan 1st	" George Wilson Clearing meetinghouse	×	.50
" 1	" Elias Shelton for services tending mason	×	1 83
1835 Dec 26	" Jona Bacon for work and materials &c. in erecting Stoves	×	13 56
2	Leavitt & Bates for Stoves & funnel	×	63 00
Jan 2nd 1836	Willard Wilson for boarding Rev Mr [illegible]	×	[illegible]
	[illegible] Page 2[illegible]		[illegible]

with Treasurer Cr

1832 July 25th	by Balance from page 220	41 9.0
	assessment of 1833 voted by the town to replace surpluss pew Money	652 38
1833 Feb 15th	by Income of Page & Hartwell fund	52 12
1834 Feb 21st	" " " " "	56 15
	by amt of assessment committed to J Bacon to Collect dated 1834	309
June 17th 1836	Cash Borrowed to pay Sundry Parish debts	150 00
1836 Jan	by Cash for Wood Sold	2 00
	to Cash Recd from Charles Spalding Abel Fitch & Cyrus Page Collectors for the first Congregational Society	325 23
		1588 78

May 30th 1837 Settled with John Bacon late Treasurer of the 1st Parish in Bedford as appears in full for all Money with which he stands Charged

John Reed
Ziab Lee
Ellridge Bacon
} Assessors

John Bacon Treasurer

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First Parish in Bedford Debtor in account

1836	Amt brot from Page 231	1035 50
Jan 14. to	Jon^a Bacon for Bill &c. for Pulpit	× 10 21
Oct 18 1835	Committees Bill for supplying Pulpit	× 57 05
Jul. 27 1836	Rev. Joshua Chandler receipt &c	× 142.56
Jan 6	William Sagers Bill interest on Min fund	2 21
" 8	Thomson Bacon Rect for interest	× 2 86
Oct 30 1835	[illegible] Sages receipt for supplying	51 55
[illegible] 1836	[illegible] Williams receipt for tax on fund	3 00
Jan 21 1835	[illegible] suit against parish	× 84 62
Feb 24 1837	[illegible] Stearns receipt for tax on fund	× 3 00
Jan 7.	Rev. Mr. Chandler receipt in part salary	× 50 00
" 24.	Rev Joshua Chandler receipt " "	× 75.00
Oct 12 1835	Jon^a Bacon receipt for interest on money borrowed	× 1 87
Aug 10 1836	Jon^a Bacons receipt in part for trimings on pulpit	× 15 17
Jan "	James W^m Wilkins Bill for laying brick in meeting house	× 3 55
Dec 16 1835	A. Stearns bill for consultation and action case of Markiel Crosbys case with society	× 50 63
		1588 78

Warrant for Meeting May 7th 1838

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Bedford, (by posting Notifications at each of the public Meeting houses in said Town) qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court and in Town affairs, to Meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday the Seventh day of May next at four o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for two County Commissioners and one special Commissioner for the County of Middlesex All on one ballot. and also to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Choose a a Moderator for said Meeting

2d by request of Dea. Amos Hartwell and others to see if the Town will repair the Causeway where the travel passes over in going to the South part of [illegible] of the Town or do any thing respecting the same.

3d By request of [illegible] Stearns to see if the Town will straighten the wall opposite his House or do any thing respecting the same.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

Levi Lee
Oliver W. Abbott
Edward Rice
Selectmen of Bedford

A True Copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 7th 1855

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the [illegible] Inhabitants of the Town [illegible] met and brought in their votes to the Selectmen for two County Commissioners and one Special Commissioner for the County of Middlesex on one ballot which votes being sorted & counted and declaration thereof made as by law is directed were as follows Whole Number ballots was Eighty eight. For County Commissioners

Joseph Fuller of Groton had thirty one votes 31
Moses [illegible] of Framingham Thirty one "
Joel Fuller of Newton forty one votes
William [illegible] of Lowell forty one votes
Samuel [illegible] of Groton Fifteen votes
[illegible] of Malden Fifteen votes

For Special Commissioners
[illegible] of Framingham Thirty four votes
[illegible] of Framingham twenty two votes
[illegible] of Lexington Thirty one votes

Whole 1st William Page was Chosen Moderator.

2nd Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to make such repairs as they may think proper on the road across the Common at the East of the Town

3d The Request of [illegible] voted that the subject be Indefinitely Postponed

4 [illegible] attest Reuben Brown
Town Clerk

237 Warrant for Meeting June 11th 1838

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables
of the town of Bedford - Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify
and warn the Inhabitants of the said Bedford
(by posting attested copies at each of the public
Meeting houses in said town) qualified to vote
for Representatives to the general Court [illegible]
[illegible] Town Hall in their
Town on Monday the eleventh day of June next
at 5 o'clock P.M. to give in their [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
the District. And also for one Special County
Commissioner, to the Selectmen of said town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant
with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time
and place of said Meeting
given under our hands and seals this
at Bedford this twenty ninth day
of May in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

[illegible] } Selectmen
Oliver C. Abbott } of
David Rice } Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford June 11th 1838
Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified
and warned the qualified Voters of Bedford to
meet at their Town Hall in said Town on
Monday the 11th Inst at 5 o'clock P.M. then
and there to bring in their votes for County
Commissioner as therein directed and the
same [illegible] by posting up an attested
copy thereof at each of the Meeting houses in
said town seven days before the time of
said Meeting
Charles Spaulding Constable
of Bedford
A true copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

May 11th 1838

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] met and brought in their votes to the selectmen on one ballot for two County Commissioners and one Special Commissioner for the County of Middlesex, which being sorted, counted and declared [illegible] were as follows.
Whole number of ballots for Commissioners was eighty six. 86

For Jacob Fuller, of Newton, forty nine votes, 49
" Jesse Fox, of Lowell, forty one " 41
" Abner Wheeler, of Framingham, thirty seven votes,
" Caleb [illegible], of [illegible], [illegible]
" Timothy Butterfield, of Tyngsborough, eight votes,

For Special Commissioner whole number of ballots was eighty [illegible]
For [illegible] of [illegible], thirty seven votes, 37
" [illegible] of Framingham, forty one votes, 41
" [illegible] of Framingham, seven votes, 7

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting July 16th 1838

Middlesex ss. To Either of the Constables of the
Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to Notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court to Meet at the town Hall in said town on Monday the 16th day of July Inst. at half past Six O'Clock P.M. to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Special County Commissioner for said County

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in said Town eight days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this second day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

Leab Lee
David Rice } Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford July 8th 1838
by Virtue of the above Warrant I have notified and Warned the Male Inhabitants of Bedford to Meet at the place, time, and for the purpose therein expressed

Charles Spalding Constable of Bedford

a true Copy of Original
Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting July 16th 1838

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice The Inhabitants of Bedford Met and Brought in their votes to the Selectmen for one Special County Commissioner for the County of Middlesex, which were Sorted, and counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, and were as follows Whole number of Ballots are Nineteen-

Viz For Elias Temple of Framingham, fourteen votes
For Warren Nixon of Framingham, one vote
For Lilly Eaton of Reading four votes

A true Record attest
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Aug 20th 1838

Middlesex S.s. To ether of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to Vote for Representatives to the General Court to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the twentieth day of August Inst at Six O'Clock P. M. to Give in their votes to the Selectmen of Said Town for one Special County Commissioner for Said County And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in said Town eight days at least before the time for holding Said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid
Given under Our hands this Sixth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight. Liab Lee } Selectmen of
David Rice } Bedford

August 20th 1838

Middlesex ss Bedford August 6th 1838
I have notified and warned the qualified voters
of the Town of Bedford to meet at their Town Hall
at the time and for the purposes within expressed

Charles Spalding Constable of
Bedford

A true Copy
Attest Reuben Baron Town Clerk

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and brought in their Votes to the Selectmen for one Special County Commissioner Which being sorted, and Counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed. were as follows Whole Number of ballots are five

Viz For Darius Stevens Esq. of Stoneham
five Votes

A true Record attest Reuben Baron Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 12th 1838.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford,
Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford, on Monday the twelfth day of Novr next it being the second Monday of said month at twelve o'clock at noon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators on one ballot for the district of Middlesex for the year ensuing, and to bring in their votes for a Representative, to represent district number four in the Congress of the United States. Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to Represent their Town in the next General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. And to act on the following articles of Town affairs.

1st to Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd upon the request of John Hosmer, to see if the town will pay any part of the expence of his support with his daughter in future, or do any thing respecting the same,

3d Upon the request of Joseph Hartwell 3d, to see if the town will authorize the Highway surveyor in the south district to cross said Hartwells Highway taxes for the year 1838 for labour done on the road between his house and Asa Meads or do any thing respecting the same.

4th Upon the request of John W Hayward and others to see if the town will widen the road between the house of George Fisk, and said Haywards house,

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof, in each of the public Meeting houses in said Town, eight days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to one of the Selectmen at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid, Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

Zeb. Lee
Oliver R Abbott
David Rice
} Selectmen of said Bedford

Middlesex ss. Novr. 12th 1838, I have served this Warrant by posting an attested Copy thereof in each of the Meeting houses in said Town, agreeably to directions therein. Charles Spalding Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting Novr 12th 1838

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford Met, and brought in their votes for Governor which being sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed which were as follows Whole number of Ballots one hundred and fifty four Viz

For	Hon Marcus Morton of Taunton one hundred & two votes	102
"	" Edward Everett of Boston fifty two "	52

for Lieutenant Governor Whole Number of ballots one hundred and fifty Viz

For	Hon Theodore Sedgwick of Stockbridge one hundred & two votes	102
"	" George Hull of Sandisfield forty eight "	48

for Senators Whole number of ballots one hundred and fifty five Viz

For	Hon Leonard M. Parker, of Shirley one hundred and two Votes	102
"	" Joseph W. Mansur of Lowell one hundred & eight "	108
"	George Robbins of Watertown Ninety seven "	97
"	Bowen Buckman of Woburn Ninety eight	98
"	Thomas J. Greenwood of Marlboro one hundred & eight	108
"	Hon Sidney Willard of Cambridge fifty three votes	53
"	Stuart J. Park of Groton thirty six "	36
"	Lilley Eaton of South Reading forty two "	42
"	Saml B Walcott of Hopkinton fifty three "	53
"	Samuel Chandler of Lexington twenty four votes	24
"	Edmund Parker of Reading twelve "	12

For Representatives to Congress Whole number of Ballots one hundred and forty nine Viz

For	Hon William Parmenter of Cambridge ninety seven votes	97
"	Nathan Brooks of Concord fifty two.	52

for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court, Whole number of ballots one hundred & forty eight Viz

For	Reuben Bacon eighty one Votes	81
"	John Bacon eighteen "	18
"	Oliver R Abbott thirty nine "	39
"	Jonas Munroe Seven "	7
"	Obed Stearns one "	1
"	John D Billings one "	1
"	John P Reed one "	1

Necessary for a choice 75 Votes. Reuben Bacon was declared to be elected.

Town affairs Nov 12th 1838

rticle 1st John W. Hayward was Chosen Moderator
2nd the request of John Hosmer The Town voted indifinately to postpone,
3d upon the request of Joseph Hartwell 3d Voted that the subject be indifinately postponed,
4th upon the request of John W. Hayward and others Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to agree with Mr Hayward as they may think best for the Interest of the town, the doings of the town having been read, the Meeting was disolved

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Decr 17th 1838

Middlesex Ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to to vote for Representatives in the general Court of this Commonwealth, to Assemble at the town Hall in Bedford, on Monday the seventeenth day of December Inst, at three O Clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes to the selectmen for a Representative that is an Inhabitant of the fourth Congressional district to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1839, And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meetinghouses in said Town, eight days at least before the time for holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not and Make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to one of the Selectmen at the time and place of Meeting as afore-said, Given under our hands this fifth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

Zeab Lee
David Rice } Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex Ss Decr 17th 1838.
By virtue of this Warrant I have notified and warned the legal voters of said Town to assemble at the Town Hall at the time & for the purpose therein expressed Charles Spalding Constable of Bedford
A true Copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Decr 17th 1838

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant and Notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and brought in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Representative of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for district No four The Whole number of Persons who gave in Their votes was ascertained as is directed in the revised Statutes Chapt 4 Section 13) by counting the number of seperate ballots given in, And the Whole number of Ballots was one hundred and twenty five

And the Whole number of Votes given in were Sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed and were for the following Persons

For Hon William Parmenter of Cambridge Seventy Votes
" " Nathan Brooks of Concord thirty & five vots
James T Woodbury of Acton Nine votes
Levi Farwell of Cambridge five "
Josiah Bartlett three "
Amos Farnsworth of Groton three "

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town. Meeting Feb 4th 1839

Middlesex Ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in Said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote for Representatives in the general Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the Town Hall on Monday the fourth day of Febuary next at half past three O.Clock P.M. to give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative Who is an Inhabitant of the fourth Congressional district to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1839 up

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said Meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this 21st day of January in the year of Our Lord 1839

Leab Lee } Selectmen
David Rice } Of
Bedford

Middlesex Ss., Bedford January 28th 1839,
by Virtue of the foregoing Warrant I have notified and Warned the legal Voters of Bedford to Aſsemble at the town Hall at the time and for the purpose therein expreſsed

Charles Spalding } constable
of
Bedford

a true Copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and brought in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative as aforesaid (the whole number of Persons who gave in their votes was Aſcertained as is directed in the revised Statutes, Chapt 4 Sec 13) by counting the number of seperate ballots, and the whole Number of ballots was one hundred and forty two
and the whole number of Votes given in were sorted, Counted and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, and were for the following Persons

For Hon William Parmenter of Cambridge Eighty four votes 84
" " Nathan Brooks of Concord thirty Seven votes 37
Rev James T Woodbury of acton ten votes 10
Amos Farnsworth of Groton two votes 2
Levi Farwell of Cambridge four votes 4
Rev William Gragg of Bedford four votes — 4
Henry M. Chamberlain of Cambridge One vote 1

a true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

March 4th 1839 Warrant.

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford, on Monday the fourth day of March next, at one O Clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2nd To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer for the year ensuing.

3d To Choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

4th To direct the manner of repairing the roads and Bridges the year ensuing.

5th To raise money for the repairs of the roads and Bridges the year ensuing

6th To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from runing at large on the common lands & highways the year ensuing,

7th To see if the town will choose a Committee to audit the accounts of the Town the ensuing year.

8th To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide posts, and act on the subject as they may think ~~best~~ proper,

9th To see if the town will pay Eliab B. Lane, fifty nine dollars & twenty nine Cents, which was paid by said Lane for Lawyers services, in the action of Thomas Smith Vs said Lane.

10th By request of Jon^a Bacon and others, To see if the Town will divide themselves Geographically, into six School districts.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting houses in said town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said Meeting. Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord 1839.

Liab Lee
Oliver R. Abbott } Selectmen of
David Rice } Bedford

Middlesex Ss

Bedford March 4th 1839

agreeably to the foregoing directions, I have notified and warned the qualified voters of Bedford, to assemble at the town Hall in said town, at the time and for the purpose above specified.

Charles Spalding Constable of Bedfor

A true Copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 4th 1839

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, and notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford met and acted on the Articles therein contained in the following manner

1st Chose Amos Hartwell Moderator

2nd the qualified Voters gave in their votes for a County Treasurer which being sorted and counted as by law is directed were as follows Whole number of ballots one hundred & twenty six viz

For Stedman Buttrick of Concord Ninety two votes	92
" Albert H. Nelson of Concord thirty four "	34

Town Clerk, Reuben Bacon was Chosen & Sworn

Selectmen, Oliver R. Abbott
David Rice } Sworn as
Jonathan Bacon } Assessors

March Meeting 1839

Middlesex ss. March 4th 1839 Then Oliver R. Abbott David Rice & Jonathan Bacon Personally made oath that as Selectmen of the Town of Bedford for the year ensuing they would faithfully and impartially discharge all their duties respecting all elections & the returns thereof. before me Reuben Bacon Justice of Peace

Town Treasurer John Bacon

Constables Charles Spalding } Sworn
Michael Crosby
Thomas Stiles

Hog Reeves Jonathan Bacon, Isaac P Bacon
Ezekiel Stiles, William Porter & Albert Bacon

Fence Viewers Benja A Webber, Eliab B Lane,
& Samuel Sage, were Chosen & Sworn

Surveyors of Highway
Edward Merritt
John D Billings.
Seth Whitford,
Charles S White, Sworn
Charles Robinson, Sworn
William P. Hayward, Sworn
Stephen Hooker, Sworn
Jebez Wolcott.
Benja J Davis. Sworn
Elijah Bacon.

Field Drivers Samuel Sage, Sworn
Benja. A. Webber Sworn
Constantine Hill, Sworn
Edmund Hoar, Sworn
Francis Wilson, Sworn
Eldridge Merriam,

Tythingmen John W Simonds, } Sworn
Jona Munroe,
Oliver W Lane,
William Everett,
Larkin P. Page,

Surveyors of Wood & Bark Jonas Monroe Thomas Stiles Orvillers M. Blodgett Oliver R. Abbott Stephen Haynes Roger Lane

Surveyors of lumber Abel Fitch Nathaniel C. Cutler Orvillers M. Blodgett

Pound Keeper John Bacon

article 4th Voted to proceed in the same Manner as last year in repairing the highways & Bridges the year ensuing

5th Voted to raise five hundred dollars for the repair of highways and bridges to be expended in labour, and one hundred and fifty dollars to be aſseſsed in money to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen if neceſsary.

6th Voted to restrain cattle & horses from going at large the ensuing year.

7th Auditors of Town accounts Joel Fitch John A Merriam & Lewis P Gleason were Chosen

8 Report on Guide Boards accepted with direction to Selectmen, to place a board on the post directing to Lexington, Near Leonard Whites

9th Eliab B Lanes request refered to John Merriam Reuben Bacon & Joseph Brown

10th the request of Jonas Bacon & Others respecting School districts refered to April Meeting

A true Record attest

Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant For Meeting April 1st 1839

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford: Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford (by posting attested copies of this Warrant at each of public meeting houses in said town) qualified to vote for Representatives to the general Court, and in Town affairs; to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on monday the first day of April next at one o'clock P.M.

To give in their votes for a Representative, in the Congress of the United States for district number four.

Also to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting,
2nd To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the year ensuing.
3d To raise Money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.
4th To choose a school Committee for the year ensuing
5th To act on the 10th article of the warrant of March Meeting last, respecting districting the Town for schools,
6th To hear the report of the Committee, appointed last March meeting concerning the request of Elias B. Lane.
7th To determine the mode of Collecting taxes the year ensuing.
8th Upon the request of Jonathan Bacon, to see if the Town will remit
the grant part of his tax and allow him to work out his highway tax in setting a bank wall.
9th To see if the town will direct the selectmen to let out the ringing of the bell, and care of the town Hall, or do any thing respecting the same;
10th To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen,
11th To know if the Town will refund the amount of Poll tax to the members of the engine Company who actually do duty in said Company the ensuing year,

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting houses in said town, eight days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town clerk at the time & place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty third day of March, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Oliver R Abbott } Selectmen of Bedford
David Rice
Jon^a Bacon

Middlesex SS. April 1st 1839.
Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Bedford, to assemble at the Town Hall at the time and for the purposes therein expressed.

Thos Stiles. Constable of Bedford.

A true Copy. Attest. Reuben Bacon Town Clerk.

Town Meeting April 1st 1839

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford qualified as expressed in the foregoing Warrant; Met and gave in their votes to the selectmen for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for district number four, Which being sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed; were as follows. Whole number of ballots one hundred and fifty six — — — — — — — 156

For Hon William Parmenter of Cambridge Ninety four votes, 94
" " Nathan Brooks of Concord forty nine votes, 49
James T Woodbury of Acton ten votes, 10
Amos Farnsworth of Groton three Votes, 3
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Town Affairs—

- Article 1st Chose Oliver W. Lane Moderator,
" 2nd Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray the necessary charges of the town the year ensuing $ 1000
3d Voted to raise six hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing. $ 600
4th Chose Rev Jonathan Leavitt, Cyrus Page, and Abel B Adams, School Committee for the year ensuing.
5. Voted that the article relative to districting the town be Indefinately postponed.
6 The Committee relative to the request of [illegible] Lane made a report, concluding with a recommendation that the Town pay Mr Lane $59,29 as set forth in the 9th article of the warrant for last March meeting. Which Report was accepted by the town.
7th- Voted to let out the Collection of taxes for the year ensuing in the same manner as last year, at auction, the Collection was let out to Thomas Stiles, for nineteen dollars 75/100 19 75
Who is to proceed in the Collection same as last year see old Book, Page 174 & 5, and this Book. Page 6th & 198. Accordingly Thomas Stiles was chosen Collector of taxes the year ensuing,
8th- On the request of Jonathan Bacon; Voted that the same be granted,
9th Voted that the Selectmen be directed to let out the ringing of the bell, and care of the town Hall in such manner as they may think best.

Over

Article 10th The selectmen presented the following list of jurors for the consideration of the town viz
Reuben Bacon, Lewis P. Gleason, Joseph Brown, John P. Reed, Jonᵃ Bacon, Phinehas W. Chamberlain, Joshua Page, Joel Fitch, Amos Hartwell, John D. Billings, David Rice, Elbridge Bacon,
The town accepted the list as presented

" 11th Voted that members of the engine Company who do active duty in said Company shall be entitled to receive the amt of the poll tax they may have paid in this town the present year agreeably to law

a True Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant For Town Meeting November 11th 1839

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the eleventh day of November next it being the second Monday in said Month at twelve O clock at noon to bring in their votes to the selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators on one ballot for the district of Middlesex for the year ensuing And to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent their Town in the next General Court to be holden in the city of Boston on the first wednesday of January next, And to Act on the following articles of Town affairs

Article 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2nd By request of John Webber and 25 Others to Know if the Town will vote and appropriate the money lately received by their Treasurer of the executrix of the last will and testament of Rev Samuel Stearns deceasᵈ on a bond given by said Stearns and others to Moses Fitch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford to secure the payment of one thousand dollars to the said Moses Fitch as Treasurer of said or his Successor in said office, Towards paying the towns debts and direct their treasurer to pay the same accordingly.

Article 3d To know if the Town will take any measures to prevent the Stock holders of the Middlesex turnpike from throwing said turnpike on the public, to be supported by the towns through which it passes.

4th by request of Roger Lane To know if the town will place Stone Monuments at the angles of the Towns Common as was surveyed or do any thing respecting the same

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in each of the public Meeting houses in said town eight days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Oliver R. Abbott }
David Rice } Selectmen of Bedford
Jonathan Bacon }

Middlesex ss. Bedford Novr 3d 1839 pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified and warned the legal Voters of said town to assemble at the town Hall at the time and for the purpose therein expressed
Charles Spalding Constable of Bedford
A true Copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting Novr 11th 1839

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and brought in their votes to the Selectmen Which being Sorted and Counted and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, and were as follows

For Governor, Whole number of Ballots are one hundred and Seventy two

Hon Marcus Morton of Taunton has one hundred & twenty Six votes	126
" Edward Everett of Boston forty Six Votes	46

For Lieutenant Governor Whole No of ballots one hundred and Sixty Six

For Nathan Willis of Pittsfield one hundred & twenty one votes	121
" George Hull of Sandisfield forty five votes	4

Continued. Nov Meeting 1839

For Senators Whole number of ballots one hundred and Seventy
two For Joseph W Mansur of Lowell one hundred & five votes 105
For Leonard M Parker of Shirley one hundred & ~~five~~ four votes 104
" James Russell of West Cambridge one hundred & six votes 106
" Thomas J Greenwood of Marlboro one hundred and one " 101
" George Robbins of Watertown Ninety seven " 97
" Sidney Willard of Cambridge Sixty three votes " 63
" Samuel B Walcott of Hopkinton Sixty two votes 62
" Lilly Eaton of Reading thirty Seven " 37
" Luke Fiske of Waltham thirty six " 36
" Caleb Butler of Groton thirty five " 35
" Joel Fuller of Newton thirty votes 30
" Sylvanus Cobb of Waltham Thirty " 30
" Samuel Chandler of Lexington twenty eight " 28
" John Clark of Lowell Nine " 9
" William Jackson of Newton nine votes " 9
" Stephen Goodhue of Lowell four " . 4

For Representative to the general Court whole number of ballots one hundred & Sixty nine necessary to a Choice 85

For Reuben Bacon Sixty five	65
" Oliver R Abbott fifty four	54
" John P. Reed thirty three	33
Jonas Monroe ten	10
John Bacon four	4
David Rice two	2
Edmund Hoar	1
	2)169
	85

no person having Recd a Majority of the votes there is no Choice

It was Moved that this Meeting adjourn for the Choice of a Representative, to tuesday the 12th Nov at one O.Clock P.M. Voted in the affirmative 89 to 62,
the Selectmen gave notice that the Polls for the Choice of Representative tomorrow will be opened at half an hour after one O.Clock P.M.
Voted to proceed and transact the other buisness of the Meeting relating to town affairs

Article 1st Jonathan Bacon was Chosen Moderator
" 2nd on the Petition of John Webber & 25 Others
Voted that the subject be Indefinately Postponed, 66 voting in the affirmative & 51 in the negative

article 3d on the subject of the Middlesex turnpike
the Town voted to appose the acceptance of said
turnpike as a public Highway, and Chose Reuben Bacon
Eliab B Lane, & Samuel Sage, a Committee to appose the
Prayer of the Stockholders in the next General Court

4th On the Subject of the Common Chose Eliab B Lane Roger
Lane and Ebenr Hayward for the purpose of bringing the
Subject to a settlement and setting the bounds

the Meeting Stands adjourned for the Choice of Representative
to tuesday Nov 12th 1839 at one oclock P. M.

Novr 12th 1839 The Inhabitants of Bedford
Met agreeably to adjournment and brought in their votes
to the Selectmen for a Representative to Represent this town in the
General Court. Which being sorted, Counted and declaration
thereof made as by law is directed and were as follows
Whole number of ballots one hundred and forty four
Viz For Reuben Bacon Seventy four Votes
" Oliver R Abbott forty nine "
" John P. Reed thirteen "
" Jonas Monroe four "
" John Bacon two "
Jonathan Bacon one "
David Rice one vote "

Reuben Bacon, having a Majority of all the votes given in
was declared to be elected.

Nov 12th 1839 a true Record Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting March 2nd 1840

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the second day of March next at One O Clock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer for the year ensuing

3d To Choose all Necessary Town officers for the year ensuing

4th To direct the manner of repairing the roads and Bridges the year ensuing

5th To raise Money for the repairs of the roads and Bridges the year ensuing

6th To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle and horses from running at large on the Common lands and highways the year ensuing

7th To see if the town will choose a Committee to Audit the accounts of the town the ensuing year

8th By request of Reuben Bacon Jr To see if the Town will divide the Town Geographically into six school districts or do any thing respecting the Same

9th To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide posts and act on the subject as they may think proper

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up Attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said Meeting Given under our hands this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord 1840

Oliver R Abbott
David Rice
Jonathan Bacon
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex Ss Bedford Feb 22nd 1840
Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have served the same by posting attested copies at each of the Public Meeting Houses eight days before the time of holding the Meeting

Thomas Stiles Constable of Bedford
A true Copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 2nd 1840

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford qualified as set forth in the Warrant Met and acted on the articles therein as follows Viz

1st The Votes were brought in to the Town Clerk for a Moderator and were as follows Whole No of ballots 107
Jonathan Bacon had 55 votes and was Chosen

2nd The Votes were brought in for County Treasurer and were as follows Whole Number of ballots one hundred & thirty six

For Stedman Buttrick of Concord	Ninety nine votes	99
For Albert H Nelson	" thirty Six "	36
" Joseph Horner	one vote	1

Town Clerk	Reuben Bacon	91 Votes
	Amos Hartwell	28
	Jonas Monroe	4
	Thos Stiles	2
	Joel Fitch	1

Reuben Bacon was Chosen and Sworn by the Moderator

Selectmen John P. Reed
Nathaniel C Cutler
Michael Crosby
} Sworn as aſseſsors for the Town of Bedford

It was voted that the Selectmen shall serve as Overseers of the Poor and aſseſsors the year ensuing

Middlesex Ss March 2nd 1840 Then John P. Reed, Nathaniel C Cutler, and Michael Crosby, made oath, that as Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, they would faithfully and Impartially discharge their duties respecting all elections and the returns thereof for the year ensuing Before Me Reuben Bacon Justice Peace

John Bacon was Chosen Town Treasurer

March Meeting 1840 Continued

Fire Wards John Smith
Samuel Sage
William Procter
Reuben Bacon Jr
Michael Crosby

Fence Viewers Samuel Sage
Samuel Wyman } sworn
Oliver W. Lane

Surveyors of Highways Abner B Lane
Benjamin Page
Eldridge Merriam
George Crosby
John Smith
Leander Hosmer } sworn
Constantine Hill
Nathan Bryant
William Clark
Benjamin A Webber

Field Drivers Charles P. Robbins sworn
Charles C Cox
Seth Whitford
Benjamin J Davis
Thaddeus H. Davis sworn
Benjamin A Webber sworn

Tything Men Abel Bacon
Roger Lane
Oliver W Lane
George Simonds

Surveyors of Wood & Bark,
John W Simonds Jr Oliver W Lane
Michael Crosby Jonas Monroe
Roger Lane James Webber
Stephen Haynes Thomas Stiles

Surveyors of Lumber Cyrillus M. Blodgett sworn
Amos B Cutler sworn

Pound Keeper John Bacon

Constables Thomas Stiles } sworn
John W. Hayward

Article 4th Voted to proceed in the same manner as last year relative to the repair of Roads & Bridges See Page 182

$500.00
150.00

5th Voted to raise five Hundred dollars to be expended in the usual way in labour, and one hundred and fifty dollars to be Assessed in Money to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen if necessary, See Page 182

6th Voted to restrain neat cattle and horses from going at large agreeably to the provisions of law

7 Auditors Phinehas W. Chamberlain Thomas Stiles and Albert Bacon were chosen for the year ensuing

8th Relative to districting the Town Geographically for Schools, Chose Phinehas W. Chamberlain, John Bacon, Leyle Lee, Obed Stearns, John S Davis, & John P. Reed, a Committee to take the subject into consideration, and propose a plan at April Meeting, for the consideration of the Town, to which time the subject is referred

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 6th 1840

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said town on Monday the sixth day of April next at one O'clock P.M. for the purpose of giving in their votes to the Selectmen for or against the proposed Amendment of the Constitution, Also to act on the following articles Viz

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd To hear a report of the Selectmen of the expences of the town the past year

over

1840

[illegible] To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the year ensuing,

4th To raise Money for the support of schools the year ensuing

5th To Choose a school Committee for the current year,

6th To hear the report of a Committee chosen at last March Meeting to district the town into five or more geographical school districts,

7th To see if the town will receive the rule passed May 22nd 1839 [illegible] the vote [illegible] surplus revenue money and appropriate the interest arising therefrom to the support of schools, And appropriate said surplus money to liquidate the towns debts,

8 To determine the mode of collecting taxes the ensuing Year and Choose a Collector for the same

9th To see if the Town will direct their Selectmen to let out the ringing of the bell, and sweeping the town Hall, the year ensuing, or do any thing respecting the same

10th To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to report the expences of the town the ensuing year at March meeting next,

11th By request of Roger Reed, to see if the Town will rebuild the wall this side of his House where Surveyors have taken away gravel and thrown it down, or do any thing respecting the same

12 To see if the town will choose five or more persons in addition to the Selectmen, And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meetinghouses in said town, nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk, at or before the time of said meeting, given under our hands and seals [illegible] the twenty [illegible] day of [illegible] in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty;

[illegible] ss. I have posted the foregoing warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in said Town nine days before the time of holding the Meeting

[illegible] Selectmen of Bedford

Thomas [illegible] Constable of Bedford

Town Meeting April 2nd 1840

The Inhabitants of Bedford Met agreeably to the foregoing Warrant and notice and brought in their votes to the Selectmen For and against the proposed Ammendment of the Constitution by ballot which were Sorted, Counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by a resolve of the General Court is directed and were as follows

For said Amendment Sixteen Votes.
Against said Amendment Eighty three votes

article 1st Jonathan Bacon was chosen Moderator

2nd Report of the Selectmen of the expenses of the Town the past year was accepted and ordered to be filed in the Clerks office

3 Voted to raise eleven hundred dollars to defray the ordinary Charges of the Town the year ensuing } $1100

4th Voted Six hundred dollars for support of schools the year ensuing } $600

5th School Committee Cyrus Page, Albert Bacon, and Amos Hartwell were chosen for the current year

6 The committee appointed at last march Meeting, relative to districting the town geographically, made a report which was amended, by striking out that part of the report which has reference to dividing the centre district, and was then accepted and recommitted to the same Committee, with Instructions to make a plan of the districts as described in the report, and deposite the same together with the report in the Town clerks office

7th Voted not to recind the vote of May 22nd 1837 relative to the Surplus revenue

8th Voted that the taxes shall be Collected in the same Manner as last year See Page 252 & reference there made

9th Voted that the Selectmen are directed to let out the ringing of the bell and care of the Town Hall as usual in such manner as they shall think best.

April 6th 1840

Article 10th Voted that the Selectmen are hereby directed
to make out a Schedule of the expenses of the Town
and read the same at the March Meeting
hereafter annually.

11 Voted that the request of Elijah Reed be granted

2d Chose Amos Hartwell & Reuben Bacon aſseſsors
to be added to the selectmen so as to constitute a
board of five aſseſsors for the ensuing year

A Resolve concerning the School Committee.
Resolved that it is expected by the Town, that the School
Committee will perform their duty in visiting the schools
and assigning the instructors their duties, as well as
directing what Books shall be used,

The School Committee for the past year submitted
a report which was read, accepted, and ordered to be
filed in the Clerks office
The business of the meeting having been finished the
Meeting was dissolved

A True Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Bedford June 20th 1840 The following is a record
of the list of the Names in the return of the aſseſsors
of Persons enroled as liable to do Military
duty the ensuing year, taken agreeably to an Act passd
on the 24th day of March 1840. by John P. Reed,
Nathaniel C Cutler, Michael Crosby, Amos Hartwell
and Reuben Bacon, Aſseſsors of Said Town Viz,

Rufus Adams, Abel B Adams, Walter Adams,
Seth H Austin, John P Buttrick, Elbridge Bacon
Albert Bacon, Reuben Bacon Jr, Edward Bacon,
Elijah Bacon, Isaac P. Bacon, John L Billings, Orvillas M.
Blodgett, Samuel Butler, Daniel H. Butters, Thomas Butters,
Joseph M Butterfield, John Butterfield, Isaac Blanchard,
Silas Brooks, Reuben Burbank, Daniel Blood, Fordyce
Bowen, George Crosby, William Clark, Thos C Cutler,
Nathl C Cutler, Amos B Cutler, P. W. Chamberlain,
Charles C Corey, John R Cutting, James C Cutting,
David Constantine, Silas H. P. Cowdry, Charles C Carey,
Daniel McClerry,

Benj^{a} F Davis, John S Davis, Eleazer P. Davis, George Dutton, Thadeus H Davis, Timothy Dean Jr, Quincy Dean, Samuel Davis, Peter Davis,

William Everett, F. W^{m} R Emory, Nathan Fitch, John A Fitch, Albert Fitch Edward Flint Abel Flint William A Gragg William Goodwin, Henry Goodwin, Lewis P. Gleason, Gilman Green, Joseph Hartwell 3^{d}, Benj^{a} F Hartwell, Joseph Hartwell 2nd, Isaac Hartwell, Eldridge Hartwell, Eben^{r} Hayward, William P. Hayward, Jonas P. Hayward, Joseph B Hodgman, Constantine Hill, David Hill, Edmund Hoar, Stephen Haynes Jr, Henry Hosmer, Joseph Hosmer, Benj^{a} G. Hosmer, Stephen Hall, Justus P. Hastings James Hartshorn

Elbridge Jones, Obadiah P. Johnston, Frederick D Killom, Sylvanus Lawrence, Ward Lock, John Lunt, Joseph Litchfield, Eldridge Merriam Jonas Monroe Jonathan Munroe Edward Merritt Abel S Monroe, Moses Page 2nd, Benjamin Page, Larkin P. Page, Silas W Page, Daniel B Piper, Sewall Parkhurst, Jeptha Parkhurst Lorenzo Phelps, William Proctor, John Proctor, Jonas Putnam, Augustus Pierce, Nehemiah L Reed, John P. Reed, Nathan O Reed, Samuel Reed, William Reed, David Reed, Charles Robinson, Valentine Rollins, W^{m} Ripley, L Robbins, Loring Smith, W^{m} A Stearns, John W Stearns Edward J Stearns, Elijah W Stearns, George Stearns, Samuel F Stearns, Obed Stearns, Horace Stearns, Henry H Staples, Charles Spalding, John W Simonds, George Simonds, Elijah Skelton Jr, Elias Skelton, George Wilson, Thomas Stiles, Lucius Stiles Orville Tyler Daniel Twiss, Benj^{a} A Webber, Artemas Webber, Hiram Webber, Francis Wilson Jr, Willard Wilson, Seth Whitford, Hiram Whitford, Samuel Wyman, Daniel H Page,

Recorded by Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting Novr 9th 1840

L.S. Middlesex Ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote, in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the ninth day of November next at twelve of the clock at Noon being the second Monday of said Month,

1st To bring in their votes to the selectmen for fourteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States two from among the People at large and one from each Congressional district within this Commonwealth,

2nd To bring in their votes for a Representative to represent District number four, in the Congress of the United States;

3d To bring in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth,

4th To bring in their Votes for six Senators to the next General Court for the Middlesex district

5th To bring in their votes for a Representative to represent this Town in the next General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next

The Polls for the choice of the several officers to open at one of the clock P.M.

Also to act on the following article of Town affairs

To see if the town will direct their Treasurer to pay the sum of two hundred dollars by him borrowed under the direction of the Selectmen to defray the ordinary charges of the year 1840

Given under our hands & seal this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty

John P. Reed
Nathl C. Cutter
Michael Crosby

Middlesex S.s

Bedford October 31st 1840.

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, I have served the same by posting attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting houses in said Town, nine days before the time of holding the Meeting.

Thomas Stiles } Constable of Bedford,

A true Copy of Original

Attest Reuben Bacon, Town Clerk,

Town Meeting Nov^r 9th 1840

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant and Notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and brought in their votes for the several officers therein specified which being sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, were as follows

Electors of President & Vice President,

For Electors at Large Whole number of ballots two Hundred and One

	William Walker of Lenox had one hundred & thirty five votes	135
	Eben^r Fisher of Dedham " one hundred & thirty five votes	135
	Isaac C Bates of Northampton " Sixty four votes	64
	Peleg Sprague of Boston " Sixty four "	64
	Jeſse Wheaton of Dedham " two votes	2
	Sylvester Judd of Northampton two "	2.
District No 1	Caleb Eddy of Boston one hundred & thirty five votes	135
	Richard Haughton of Boston	64
	John C Fuller of Boston	2
Dist. 2	Robert Upton of Salem	135
	Stephen C Phillips of Salem	64
	Ebenezer Hunt of Danvers	2
No 3	Nath^l Stevens of Andover	135
	Rufus Longley of Haverhill	64
	George Coggswell of Bradford	2

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District No 4	Timothy Thompson of Charlestown	135 votes
	Sidney Willard of Cambridge	64 "
	James T Woodbury of Acton	2 "
No 5	Samuel L Spurr of Worcester	135 "
	Ira M. Barton of Worcester	64 "
	Thomas A Ward of Shrewsbury	2 "
No 6	Caleb Hubbard of Sunderland	135 "
	George Grinnell of Greenfield	64
	Joel Hayden of Williamsburgh	2
No 7	John Leland of Cheshire	135
	Thadeus Pomeroy of Stockbridge	64
	Geo. W Sterling of Great Barrington	2
No 8	James Fowler of Westfield	135
	Samuel Mixter of New Braintree	64
	Charles Starkweather of Northampton	2
No 9	Artemas Brown of Medway	135
	Thomas French of Canton	64
	Burklin fitz of Holliston	2
No 10	Nathan C Brownell of Westport	135
	Wilkes Wood of Middleboro	64
	Burklin Burt of Freetown	2
No 11	Thos. Mandell of New Bedford	135
	Joseph Tripp of Fairhaven	64
	Zenas D. Baſsett of Barnstable	2
No 12	Jeſse Pierce of Stoughton	135
	John B Thomas of Plymouth	64
	Azil ames of Marshfield	2

Representative to Congreſs

Whole number of Ballots two Hundred

For	William Parmenter of Cambridge	134
	Nathan Brooks of Concord	64
	David Goodale of Marlboro	2

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Governor Whole No. of Ballots 199

For Marcus Morton of Taunton	136 votes
John Davis of Worcester	62
George Washington Johnston, of Easton	1

Lieutenant Gov. Whole No. Ballots 199

Nathan Willis of Pittsfield	136
George Hull of Sandisfield	62
Abel Bliss of Wilbraham	1

Senators Whole No of Ballots. 201

For Leonard M. Parker of Shirley.	135
Thomas J Greenwood of Marlboro.	135
James Russell of West Cambridge.	135
Joseph W Mansur of Lowell.	135
George Robbins of Watertown.	135
Caleb Wakefield of Reading.	135
Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown.	64
Edmund Parker of Reading.	64
Seth Ames of Lowell.	64
Asa F Lawrence of Pepperell.	64
Phinehas Howe of Concord.	64
Chester Adams of Natic.	64
Sylvanus Cobb of Waltham.	2
Josiah Brackett of Charlestown.	2
John H Barbour of Cambridge.	2
Elbridge Trull of Woburn.	2
Nahum Harwood of Littleton.	2
Joel Adams of Townsend.	2

2nd ballot
Representative to general Court whole No ballots 185

For John P. Reed one hundred & Eleven votes	111
" P. W. Chamberlain fifty two votes	52
John W Simonds Sixteen votes	16
Jonas Brown one	1
Willard Buttrick one	1
William Gragg one	1
Reuben Bacon two	2
Oliver B. Abbotts	1

all the above votes were sealed up ~~and~~ in open Town Meeting agreeably to the provisions of Law

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on the article of Town affairs,

George Simonds was chosen Moderator,

Voted ~~that~~ the Treasurer of the town, be Instructed to let the money borrowed by him under the Instructions of the Selectmen for the use of the town for 1839 remain ~~remain~~ unpaid, untill the town shall make provision relative to the same,
All the articles having been acted upon, the town Voted, that the Meeting be dissolved,

a true Record
Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting 1841

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford and qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town Hall in said Bedford, on Monday the first day of March next, at twelve O clock M, then and there to act on the following articles Viz,

To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

To bring in their Votes for a County Register of deeds,

To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer,

4th To Choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing,

5th To direct the Manner of repairing the roads & Bridges the year ensuing,

6 To raise Money for the repair of the roads & Bridges the year ensuing,

7th To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle and horses from running at large on the Common lands and Highways the year ensuing year.

8 To see if the town will Choose a Committee to audit the accounts of the Town the year ensuing,

9th To see if the town will authorize the town Treasurer to borrow money to pay the heirs of Hannah Reed or do any thing respecting the same.

10th To see if the town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to get the Town farm buildings Insured,

11th By request of David Fitch, to see if the town will abate his tax on his Mill.

12th To hear the report of the Selectmen on the expences of the Town,

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting houses in said Town, eight days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February 1841

Nathaniel C Cutler } Selectmen
Michael Crosby } of
} Bedford

Middlesex Ss. Bedford Feb 20th 1841
Agreeably to the foregoing I have served the same by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said Town eight days before the time appointed for said Meeting
Thos. Stiles Constable of Bedford.

A true Copy Attest.
Reuben Bacon, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 1st 1841

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, and notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the articles in the same, in the following manner,

1st George W Woodward was Chosen Moderator.

For County Register of Deeds the whole Number of Ballots brought in, were one hundred and thirty nine, and were for William F Stone of Cambridge forty two Votes. 42

For William E Parmenter of Cambridge Ninety seven Votes. [illegible]

For County Treasurer Whole number of Ballots one hundred & forty one.

For Stedman Buttrick of Concord. one hundred and eight, 108

For Albert H Nelson of Concord, thirty three votes, 33

The Moderator called for the Votes of the Inhabitants of the town for a town Clerk.
Whole Number of Ballots one hundred & thirty, 130
necessary to a Choice 66

Reuben Bacon had 99 and was Chosen and sworn by the Moderator,

1st. Selectman Whole No ballots, 133
Necessary for a Choice, 63

John P Reed had, 110 and was Chosen

2nd Selectman whole No, " 135
Necessary for Choice, 63

Nathaniel C Cutler has, 71 and is Chosen

3d Selectman Whole No, " 116
Necessary for Choice, 59

Michael Crosby has, 70 and is Chosen

Middlesex ss. March 1st. 1841, Then Personally appeared, John P. Reed, Nathaniel C. Cutler, and Michael Crosby, and made oath that as Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, for the year ensuing, they would faithfully, and impartially, discharge their duties respecting all elections and the returns thereof,

Before Me Reuben Bacon Justice Peace,

Town Treasurer, John Bacon was Chosen,

Constables Thomas Stiles, & George Simonds " " Sworn

Fence Viewers Sylvanus Lawrence,
Samuel Wyman, } Sworn
Reuben Bacon Jr.,)

Surveyors of Highways,

Sworn { Samuel Sage	David Hill Sworn
Ebenr Hayward	Joseph Hartwell
Stephen Hooker	George Crosby
Josiah Davis	Joseph Hartwell 2nd
Benja A Webber	John P. Reed

Field Drivers Sylvanus Lawrence Sworn
Samuel Wyman "
Reuben Bacon Jr
Silas Wilkins
Charles S White
Samuel Sage "
Edward Bacon "

Tything Men P. W. Chamberlain. no oath
Albert Bacon,
George Simonds,

Fire Wards John Smith, Isaac P. Bacon,
Samuel Sage, Wm Prentiss,
Francis Wilson Jr.

March Meeting 1841, Continued &c,

Voted that Measurers of Wood & Bark be appointed by the Selectmen,

Surveyors of Lumber Nathaniel C Cutler
Thomas Stiles, &
George Crosby were chosen,

Pound Keeper John Bacon

Hogreeves Sylvanus Lawrence. Thos Stiles
Larkin P. Page Ward Lock
Cyrus Page Chas Spalding

Article 5th. Voted to proceed in relation to the repair of the highways and bridges in the same Manner as last year see Page 182,

" 6th. Voted to raise five hundred dollars to be worked out on the highway in the usual way, and
$150,00 one hundred and fifty dollars to be assessed in money, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen if necessary,

" 7th Voted to restrain neat Cattle and horses from going at large according to the laws of the Commonwealth,

8. Auditors, Jonathan Bacon, Phinehas W. Chamberlain, and Oliver W. Lane, were Chosen

9th Voted that the town treasurer be authorized to borrow Money to pay the towns debt to the heirs of Hannah Reed,

10 Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to get the buildings on the Town farm Insured,

11 Voted not to abate the taxes on Mr. David Fitches Mills

12 The Selectmen exibited a report of the expenses of of the town Which was accepted,

A true Record Attest
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting April 5th 1841

(L.S.) To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, in the County of Middlesex, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford, on Monday the fifth day of April next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon, to bring in their votes to the selectmen for three County Commissioners, and two special Commissioners, for the County of Middlesex, all on one ballot, and also to act on the following articles Viz,

Article 1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

" 2nd To raise Money to defray the ordinary Charges of the Town the ensuing year,

" 3d To raise Money for the support of Schools the ensuing year

4th To Choose a School Committee for the Current year,

5th To determine the mode of Collecting taxes the year ensuing and Choose a Collector for the same,

6th To see if the Town will direct their selectmen to let out the ringing of the bell, and care of the Town Hall, the year ensuing or do any thing respecting the same,

7th by request of Larkin P. Page to see if the town will purchase a hearse, or do any thing relative to the same,

8th To hear the report of the selectmen on Guide Posts, and act on the same as they may think proper,

9th To see if the Town will accept a list of Jurors as made out by the selectmen.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting houses in said Town, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to us, at or before the time of holding said Meeting,

over

Given under our hands and seal at Bedford, this twenty second day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty one,

John P. Reed } Selectmen
Nathaniel C. Cutler } of
Michael Crosby } Bedford.

Middlesex ss, Bedford, March 27th 1841, Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant I have posted up an attested copy of the same at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town, Nine days before the time of holding the Meeting,

Thomas Stiles Constable of Bedford,

A true copy attest, Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting, April 5th, 1841,

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice, the inhabitants of Bedford qualified as therein expressed, met and acted on the matters contained in said warrant in the following manner, the votes of the inhabitants were brought in to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners, and two Special Commissioners, which being sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as by law is required, were as follows, For County Commissioners Whole number of ballots ninety seven,

For Timothy Fletcher of Charlestown Ninety seven Votes,	97
" Leonard M. Parker of Shirley Seventy two votes,	72
" Seth Davis of Newton Seventy two votes,	72
" Asa F. Lawrence of Pepperell twenty five votes,	25
" Oliver M. Whipple of Lowell twenty five " ,	25

For Special Commissioners Whole No ballots ninety seven,

For Timothy Prescott of Concord Seventy two Votes,	72
" George W. Dike of Stoneham Seventy two votes,	72
" Charles Adams of Natick twenty five votes,	25
" Darius Stephens of Stoneham Twenty five votes,	25

Town Meeting April 5th 1841 continued [illegible]

Article 1st John Bacon was chosen Moderator.

2nd Voted to raise Fifteen hundred dollars, to defray the Ordinary Charges of the Town the year ensuing, $1500,00

The School Committee for last year exibited their report Which was accepted.

Article 3d Voted to raise Six hundred dollars for Support of Schools the year ensuing $600.00
Voted that one hundred dollars of the school money may be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen for Maps or philosophical apparatus for the use of the Schools

" 4th Rev George W Woodward Rev Wm Brainerd and Joel Fitch were chosen School Committee for the year ensuing

" 5th Voted that the same mode of collecting the taxes as last year be adopted, see Page 252 & reference there made

It was moved & voted that the collecting of taxes be let out to the lowest bidder, under provisions that the collector give the usual bonds, and chosen by ballot, the lowest bidder was William Goodwin, and Jonas P. Hayward was chosen collector, by a Majority of the ballots deposited in the box for collector,

6th Voted that the selectmen be authorized to let out the ringing of the bell, and care of the town Hall as usual,

7th Voted that the article be indefinitely postponed,

8. Selectmens report on Guide boards was accepted, with an amendment that the board near Mr John Gibbes, be so altered as to direct to Boston,

9 The Selectmen submitted the following list of Jurors for the Consideration of the Town, viz- Nathan O Reed, Elbridge Bacon, George Simonds, William Wilson, Cyrus Page, William Everett, Oliver B. Abbott, Nathaniel C Cutler Joel Fitch, Ebenr Hayward, Albert Bacon, Oliver W Lane, John P. Reed, Amos B Cutler, Reuben Bacon Which were accepted, the meeting was then dissolved

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting May 3d 1841

Middlesex ss. To Either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to Meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the third day of May next at 5 of the Clock in the afternoon, To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for two County Commissioners, and one Special Commissioner, all on one ballot for the County of Middlesex,

and you are to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in said town, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid,

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty second day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty one,

John P. Reed
Nathaniel C Cutler } Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford April 24th 1841.
agreeably to the foregoing I have served this Warrant by posting attested Copies thereof, at each of the Public Meeting houses, nine days before the time of holding the Meeting,

Thomas Stiles Constable of Bedford,

a true Copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk,

Town Meeting May 3d 1841

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice, the Qualified voters of Bedford Met and brought in their votes for two County Commissioners, and one Special Commissioner, which being sorted, Counted and declaration made as by law is directed, were as follows,

Whole Number of Ballots for County Commissioners one hundred and ten.

For Leonard M. Parker of Shirley, seventy eight votes,	78
" Seth Davis of Newton, Seventy eight, "	78
" Asa F. Lawrence of Pepperell, thirty two votes,	32
" Chester Adams of Natick, thirty two votes,	32

Special Commissioners

Whole Number ballots one hundred & ten,

For George W. Lyke of Stoneham, seventy eight votes,	78
" Darius Stephens of Stoneham thirty two votes,	32

A True Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk,

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town who are qualified to Vote in Elections, & in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford, on Monday the sixth day of Septr present at 5 O'clock P. M. for the purpose of opposing (if the Town shall see fit) the Laying out the Middlesex Turnpike, as a County road, or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Public Meeting houses in said town, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting,

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said Meeting Given under our hands & Seal this twenty fourth day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty one,

John P. Reed
Nathaniel Cutler } Selectmen of Bedford

A true Copy
Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Middlesex ss Bedford August 28th 1841
agreeably to the foregoing Warrant I have served the same by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses seven days before the time of holding the meeting
Thos Stiles Constable of Bedford
A true copy R. Bacon T Clerk

Town Meeting September 6th 1841

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford Met, and acted on the subject named in said Warrant, in the following manner,

1st George Simonds was chosen Moderator,

2nd Voted to oppose the laying out of the Middlesex turnpike as a county road,

3d Reuben Bacon. Michael Crosby, Nathaniel Cutler, John P. Reed and Amos Hartwell were chosen a committee to Meet the County Commissioners on their view of said turnpike, and to oppose the laying out of the same in the town of Bedford,

a true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Nov. 6th Warrant for Novr. Meeting 1841

(L.S.) Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections & in town affairs to Meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the eighth day of Novr. next at twelve O.Clock at Noon, being the second Monday of said Month:

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth, and for six Senators for the Middlesex district all on one ballot, Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden in Boston on the first wednesday of January next.

The Polls for the Choice of the several offices to be opened at one O Clock P.M.
Also to act on the following article of town affairs:
By request of George Simonds that the town should hear the report of the Committee chosen at the last April Meeting to purchase a School Apparatus and act thereon

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in said town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at or before the time of holding said Meeting

Given under our hands and seal this twenty sixth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty one

John P. Reed } Selectmen
Nathl. C. Cutler } of
Michael Crosby } Bedford

Middlesex ss Bedford October 30th 1841
Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant I have served the same by posting an attested Copy at each of Public Meeting houses in said town nine days before the time for holding the Meeting

Thos. Stiles Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting Novr 8th 1841

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant & Notice the Inhabitan of Bedford Met and brought in their votes to the Selectme for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwea and Six Senators for the Middlesex district which being sorted, and counted and declaration thereof made as by law is directed were as follows

For Governor Whole number of Ballots one hundred & Ninety five

	votes
Marcus Morton of Taunton has one hundred & thirty six	13
John Davis of Worcester " forty seven votes	
Lucius Boltwood of Amherst twelve votes	

For Lieutenant Governor Whole number of Ballots one hundred and Ninety four

Henry H. Childs of Pittsfield has one hundred & thirty six votes	13
George Hull of Sandisfield forty Six votes	46
Ebenezer Hunt of Danvers twelve votes	

For Senators Whole number of Ballots one hundred and ninety five

Frederic Robinson of Charlestown has one hundred & thirty six votes	1
John P. Tarbell of Pepperell one hundred & thirty six votes	136
James Fuller of Newton one hundred & thirty seven votes	136
J. G. Abbott of Lowell one hundred & thirty six votes	136
Ephraim Merriam of Concord one hundred & thirty six votes	136
Bowen Buckman of Woburn one hundred & thirty six votes	136
Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown forty five votes	45
Asa F. Lawrence of Pepperell forty five votes	45
Edmund Parker of Reading forty six votes	46
Phinehas Howe of Concord forty seven votes	47
Seth Ames of Lowell forty six votes	46
Walter Adams of Natick forty six votes	46
David Goodale of Marlboro twelve votes	12
John Fletcher of Acton twelve votes	12
J. N. Barbour of Cambridge Port twelve votes	12
Elbridge Trull of Woburn twelve votes	13
Joel Adams of Townsend thirteen votes	12
Luther Lee of Lowell twelve votes,	12
Charles Spalding of Bedford one vote	1
Cyrus Pierce of Lexington one vote	1
~~Benjamin Parker of Bed~~	
Robert B. Thomas of Lowell one vote	1

For Representative to the General Court whole number of Ballots 178 necessary to a Choice 90 no Person having that number there was no Choice

on a second ballot whole No of votes 161 necessary for a Choice 81 no one having that number there was no Choice
on Motion Voted that when this Meeting adjourn it be to meet to morrow at one a Clock P. M. for the Choice of a Representative
Voted to take up the article of town affairs

Michael Crosby was Chosen Moderator The Committee appointed to purchase School apparatus made a report which was accepted, and ordered to be filed in the Town-Clerks office, The Select-Men resumed and the Meeting was adjourned to Nov 9th at one o Clock P. M.

Tuesday October 9th 1841 The Inhabitants Met agreeably to adjournment and brought in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to the General Court whole No of ballots 147 necessary to a Choice 74 no one having that number there was no Choice

2nd ballot Whole Number of ballots 142 necessary to a Choice 72 Oliver R Abbott has 73 votes and is Chosen

The Meeting was then dissolved
a true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

The 142 ballots given in when the above Choice was made of a Representative to the General Court were for the following Persons viz

Oliver R Abbott	73 votes
Reuben Bacon	33
P. W. Chamberlain	24
J. P. Reed	5
~~Eliab Allen~~	4
F Bowen	2
Jona Bacon	1
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attest Reuben Bacon 72 Town Clerk

1842 Warrant for March Meeting

L.S. Middlesex ss. To Either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and ~~and~~ warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the seventh day of March next at twelve O'clock at noon then and there to act on the following articles Viz

Article 1st To Choose a moderator for said Meeting

" 2d To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year.

3d To Choose all necessary Town officers for the current year.

4th To direct the manner of repairing the Roads & Bridges the ensuing year.

5th To raise money for the repair of the roads & Bridges the year ensuing

6th To see if the Town will restrict neat Cattle and Horses from running at large on the Common lands and highways the year ensuing.

7th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to audit the accounts of the town the year ensuing

8th To hear the report of the Selectmen on the expenses of the town.

9th To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide posts and act thereon.

10th To see if the Town will take any measures for collecting the bills [illegible] by the Constable [illegible]

11th To see if the Town will take any measures to establish a High School

Article 13th By request of Constantine Hill & Stephen Walker to see if the town will open the Bridle way leading through the Abbott farm to extend to the County road by the house of John W Hayward or move the north school house to the Centre of the district, or grant them their proportion of the school money that they may send where it is most convenient or do any thing respecting the same

15th By request of John D Billings to see if the the Town will build a set of Hay scales or do any thing respecting the same

and you are to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in said town

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting

Given under our hands & seal this twenty third day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty two

John P. Reed } Selectmen
Nathl. C Cutler } of
Michael Crosby } Bedford

A true Copy attest
Reuben Bacon T, Clerk

Middlesex ss Bedford Feb 26th 1842
Agreeably to the foregoing I have served this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses nine days before the time for holding the Meeting
Thos Stiles Constable of Bedford

A true Copy att R Bacon T, C,

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March 7th 1842

Agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the articles in said Warrant in the following manner

1st John W Simonds was Chosen Moderator

2nd The qualified voters brought in their votes for a County Treasurer which being sorted and Counted in open town Meeting by the Moderator thereof and the town Clerk were for the following Persons viz For Stedman Buttrick Esquire of Concord one hundred & twelve votes 11

For Phinehas Howe Esq of Concord thirty six votes 36

3. Town Clerk Reuben Bacon was Chosen & Sworn

Selectmen John P. Reed
Michael Crosby
Amos B. Cutler } Sworn as Selectmen and Assessors

Voted that the Selectmen also form the board of Overseers of the Poor

Town Treasurer John Bacon was Chosen

Constables Thomas Stiles & Jonas P. Heywood were Chosen & Sworn

Voted that the service of Collection of taxes be let out to the lowest bidder which service was bid for at twenty three dollars by Charles P. Robbins and Charles P Robbins was then Chosen Collector of taxes

Fence viewers Benja A Webber
Thomas Stiles
Samuel Sage } Sworn

Surveyors of Highways Samuel Sage Sworn
William Clark Sworn
Ebenezer Heyward Sworn
Constantine Hill Sworn
Luther Eaton Sworn
David Fitch
Joseph Brown Sworn

Surveyors of Highways. Francis Wilson Jr Sworn
Benja F Hartwell Sworn
Levi Bailey Sworn

Field Drivers
Charles P Robbins Sworn, Ebenezer Hayward Sworn
Benja A Webber Sworn, Constantine Hill Sworn
Samuel Sage Sworn, Eldridge Merriam

Tything men Eliab B Lane Oliver W. Lane & Samuel Reed

Fire Wards John Smith Isaac P. Bacon Samuel Sage William Proctor Francis Wilson Jr

Measurers of Wood & Bark Thomas Stiles Jonas Monroe Oliver W Lane Stephen Haynes Amos Hartwell Benja A Webber

Surveyors of Lumber Amos B. Cutler Thomas Stiles Nathan Fitch

Pound Keeper John Bacon

Hog Reeves Bela Gardner, Warren Bacon, Seth H. Austin William F Frost P. W. Chamberlain Abel B Adams Albert Fitch James Hartson

rticle 4th. Voted to proceed in the same manner as last year in relation to the repair of the roads & Bridges as last year See Page 182 this Book

5. Voted to raise one hundred dollars to be aſseſsed in money to be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen on the roads and Bridges if neceſsary, and five hundred dollars to be worked out in the usual way.

6th Voted that neat Cattle & horses be restrained from going at large agreeably to the laws of the Commonwealth

7th Voted to Choose a Committee to audit the accounts of the Town Chose Cyrus Page Reuben Bacon Jr and William Webber for that purpose

March Meeting 1842 Continued

Article 8th heard Selectmens report on Expences of the town Voted that the same be accepted & filed in Clerks Office

9th heard report of Selectmen on Guide posts and accepted the same

10th Voted that the selectmen be a Committee on the subject of Collection of Bills occasioned by Small Pox last year,

11th Relative to a high School Voted to commit the subject to a Committee of one from each district and one extra from Centre; Chose Roger Lane, Reuben Bacon, George W. Woodward, Nathan O Reed, John W Hayward, & Cyrus Page, to report at April Meeting

12 Relative to the Petition of Stephen Hooker & Constantine Hill Voted to refer the subject to the Selectmen to report at April Meeting

By Unanimous Consent. Reuben Bacon Jr. submitted certain Resolutions relative to Jurymen Instructing the Selectmen to revise the Box and present a list of Jurors at the next April meeting for the Consideration of the town, Which Resolves were accepted

13 Relative to the Petition of John D Billings for a set of Hay scales Voted that the same be Indefinitely postponed

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved -

A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting 1842

April 4th

Middlesex Ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the fourth day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, then & there to act on the following articles Viz

Article 1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2nd To raise money to defray the ordinary Charges of the town the year ensuing.

" 3d To raise money for the support of schools the year ensuing

" 4th To Choose a School Committee for the current year

" 5 To see if the town will direct the Selectmen to let out the ringing of the bell and care of the town Hall the ensuing year or do any thing respecting the same

6th By request of Larkin P. Page To see if the town will purchase a Hearse, or do any thing relative to the same.

7th To see if the town will aſsist Widow J. H. Willes in any way without taking her to the towns farm.

8th To hear the report of the Committee chosen at the last March meeting on the subject of Establishing a high school.

9th To hear the report of the Committee chosen at the last March meeting on the Petition of Mr Constantine Hill and Stephen Hooker,

10th To see if the town will accept a List of Jurors as made out by the Selectmen,

11th To hear the report of the Committee Chosen to oppose the laying out of the Middlesex Turnpike as a public Highway and do any thing respecting the same, article 12th by request of Roger Reed To see if the Town will carry into effect the vote passed April 6th 1840 respecting rebuilding the wall this side of his house or do any thing respecting it.

" 13 To choose a highway Surveyor in the district where David Hill was last year if the Town should excuse the one allready chosen.

" 14th To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to provide a suitable place for the safe keeping of Mrs Pollard or do any thing respecting the same

" 15th By request of Thadeus H. Davis and ten others to see if the Town will grant any money to be laid out on the road leading from the bend in the road beyond Peter Farmers house to the Carlisle road or do any thing respecting it

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meetinghouses in said town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said town, at or before the time of said Meeting,
Given under our hands & seal this twenty second day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two,

John P. Reed }
Michael Crosby } Selectmen of Bedford
Amos B Cutler }

Middlesex SS Bedford March 26th 1842

Agreeable to the foregoing Warrant I have served the same by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses nine days before the time of holding the Meeting

Thos Stiles Constable of Bedford

A true Copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 4th. 1842.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford Met, and acted on the articles in the Warrant in the following Manner, Viz.

article 1st. Chose John W Simonds Moderator, by ballot.

2nd Voted to raise Fifteen hundred dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the town the year ensuing. $1500

3d Voted to raise Six hundred dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year, $600

4th Chose William Proctor. Rev S, H, Emery. & Joel Fitch; School Committee for the year ensuing.

5th Voted that the selectmen be directed to let out the ringing of the bell and care of Town Hall as heretofore,

6th Voted that Larkin S. Page, Lewis P. Gleason, & Ebenr Hayward, be a Committee to examine the hearse, and cloth, and report on the subject at the next town Meeting.

8th Concerning a high school. the Committee made a report in favour of a high school. which was not accepted. and the town voted that the subject be Indefinitely postponed.

9th The Committee on the Petition of Constantine Hill, & Stephen Hooker, report that the town erect a gate at the division line of the two farms, or grant the Petitioners the amt. of their school money, which report was accepted (report on file)

10th The Selectmen submitted the following list of Jurors for the consideration of the Town Viz, John Bacon. Jonas Monroe, Amos B. Cutler, George Simonds, Obadiah P. Johnston William Everett John W Simonds Albert Bacon. William A Stearns Charles Spalding Edward Flint Cyrus Page Oliver W Lane Eleazer P. Davis Joseph Phelps which list the town voted to accept.

11th The Committee appointed to oppose the laying out of the Middlesex Turnpike made report that the same had been laid out so far as the same passes through the town of Bedford And that notice had been served on the town that another view is to be had in May next for the purpose of laying out other parts of said road and altering the same through Bedford.
Voted that the town will oppose the same and Chose

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11th cont'd Reuben Bacon, John P. Reed, and Cyrus Page, a Committee to Meet the County Commissioners at the time appointed for said View
Chose Michael Crosby agent to take charge of any part of said road which the County Commissioners may assign to the town of Bedford for support. Voted that John P Reed & Amos B. Cutler, be apointed, and requested to advise with said agent, on the best mode of putting the same in Good repair

Voted that the town Treasurer be authorized to recieve any money which may be directed to be paid to the town by the Commissioners, for the purpose of Making or repairing Said Road.

12 Request of Roger Reed, Voted that the selectmen be authorize to lay the wall agreeably to a vote of the town,

13th Voted to excuse David Fitch from serving as a Surveyor of highways. and Chose Henry H. Staples as a Surveyor of highways in the place where David Fitch served last year

14th Voted that the selectmen be authorized to build such place as they may think proper for the safe Keeping of Mrs Pollard, or any others in like condition, at the Poor farm, and draw on the Towns Treasury to defray the expence thereof.

15th the request of J. H. Davis & others, Voted that the subject be Indifinately postponed.

16 On Motion of Rev Geo W. Woodward.
Voted that the school Committee for the time being, shall have Charge of the school Apperatus, and cause the same to be kept in repair at the expence of the town,
Voted that the Meeting be dissolved.
A true Record of the doings of the town

Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

A list of all Persons liable to be enroled in the Militia in the Town of Bedford made by the Subscribers May 1842 agreeably to the laws concerning the Militia Viz,

Isaac P Bacon. John Lunt, Obadiah P. Johnston, Henry Hosmer. Loammi Saunders, Joseph Hartwell Moses Brown Benjamin Franklin Rodney Centre Benja A. Webber Francis Wilson, Charles S. White, Gideon Heath George Crosby Benja F Rich Hiram Whitford Ward Lock, Thos Butler. James S Cotting. James Cutler Moses Page Elbridge Hartwell Daniel H Butters, Isaac Page Loring Smith John S Davis Luther Eaton Elijah Skelton Jr Edwin Skelton, Leonard White, Charles Bacon, Elijah Bacon, Henry J Dodge. Joseph Dunnum. Quincy P Dean Ashburn Jones, Charles Dean Fordyce Bowen. Thomas P. Hosmer. Nelson Haynes Stephens Haynes Jr Worster Hathorn Eleazer P. Davis Ebenezer Hayward Nathan O Reed, Benja J Davis. George Davis William Clark William O, Lane, Henry Goodwin, Joseph Goodwin Henry A Young Loring Bryant Thadeus H Davis H. W. R Emery Lewis Frost. Constantine Hill. Gillman Green Asa Durant. Justice P. Hastings Augustus Pierce William Goodwin Jonas Stone Wright Parker, John P. Reed, Harvey Blodgett. William A. Stearns Daniel Piper Jonas R Wilson Willard H. Wilson Seth H Austin Abel S Monroe Timothy Dean, Abner B Lane Joseph Skinner Charles A Bailey P. W. Chamberlain Willard Wilson George Simonds. David Hill Wm Proctor N. C Cutler. Lucius Stiles Frederic L. Killum. Joseph M. Butterfield, Warren Bacon Sylvanus Lawrence Lorenzo Philps Abel Flint Joseph Libby Jonas Putnam Charles C. Corey, Thos Stiles. John W. Simonds Joshua Jackson. Larkin P. Page Charles P. Robbins Jonas H Hayward, Joseph Litchfield. Merrill Whitcomb. Sewall Parkhurst Samuel Wyman William Ripley Henry H Staples Valentine ~~Rollins~~ Willson George Wilson Albert Bacon Elbridge Jones James Watson, Wm D Reed David Reed, Sylvanus Page Joseph Hosmer Wm F Frost Benja Hosmer Edward Flint Reuben Bacon Jr, John A Merriam Benja F Hartwell Elbridge Merriam Amos Hartwell Joseph Hartwell 2d Seth Whitford Loring S Pierce,

Bedford May 1842

John P. Reed
Michael Crosby } Assessors of Bedford
Amos B. Cutler

a true Copy Attest
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting Novr. 14th 1842

L.S. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in Elections, and in town affairs, to Meet at the town Hall in said Bedford, on Monday the fourteenth day of Novr. Inst; at nine O'Clock in the fore noon being the second Monday in said Month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent district number four in the Congress of the United States, And for a Special Commissioner for the County of Middlesex to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Timothy Prescott Esq for the residue of the term for which said Prescott was chosen, Also for a representative to represent this town ~~town~~ in the next General Court if the town shall vote to send one, each of said officers to be voted for on seperate ballots.

Also to bring in their Votes for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth and for six Senators for the district of Middlesex, all on one ballot,

The Polls for the choice of the three first named officers to be Opened at ten O'Clock in the forenoon, the remainder at One O'Clock in the afternoon,

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in said town, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at or before the time of holding said Meeting,

Given under Our hands and seal this second day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

John P. Reed
Michael Crosby } Selectmen of Bedford
Amos B Cutler

Middlesex ss. Bedford Nov 5th 1842.

agreeable to the within, I have Served this Warrant By posting attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses, nine days before the time of holding the ~~same~~ said meeting.

Thos. Stiles Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest:

Reuben Bacon, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 14th 1842

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford Met and brought in their votes to the Selectmen for a Special Commissioner and the whole number of ballots given in were one hundred and eighty and were for the following persons:-

For Ephraim Moore of Sudbury one hundred & thirty seven votes I 137
" Chester Adams of Natick forty two votes
" James L. L. F. Warren of Brighton one vote

For Representative to the Congress of the United States for district number four. The Whole Number of ballots brought in were One hundred and Ninety six and were for the following Persons,

For William Parmenter of Cambridge one hundred & forty eight. 148
" Samuel Hoar of Concord thirty Six votes 36
Thos. W. Ward of Shrewsbury twelve votes 12

For Governor Whole number of ballots given in were one hundred & ninety five and were for the following persons
For Marcus Morton of Taunton one hundred & forty five votes 145
" John Davis of Worcester thirty eight votes 38
" Samuel E. Sewall of Roxbury twelve votes 12

For Lieutenant Governor Whole number of ballots one hundred and thinety five and were for the following Persons ~~195~~
For Henry H. Childs of Pittsfield one hundred & forty four votes 144
" George Hull of Sandisfield thirty eight votes 38
" William Jackson of Newton thirteen votes 13

For Senators Whole number of ballots were one hundred and ninety five and were for the following persons

For J. G. Abbott of Lowell one hundred & forty Six votes 146
" Frederick Robinson of Charlestown one hundred & forty four " 144
" James Fuller of Newton one hundred & forty five 145
" Francis R. Gourgas of Concord one hundred & twenty seven votes 127
" Thos. J. Greenwood of Marlborough one hundred & forty four votes 144
" Jona. Hartwell of Littleton one hundred & forty five votes 145
" Elisha Huntington of Lowell thirty seven votes 37
" Benjamin Thompson of Charlestown thirty seven votes 37
" Asa F. Lawrence of Pepperell thirty Six votes 36
" Charles Choate of Woburn thirty eight votes 38
" Joseph Barrett of Concord thirty six votes 36

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Senators
For Henry Wilson of Natick thirty seven votes. " 37
" Seth Adams of Townsend twelve votes. 12
" David Goodale of Marlborough twelve votes. 12
" Bucklin Fitts of Holliston twelve votes. 12
" John Fletcher of Acton twelve votes. 12
" George J. Tarr of Lowell twelve votes. 12

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to the General Court
The Town had three ballatings for a representative which resulted in no person having a Majority of the votes.
A Motion was then made that the Town Omit Choosing a Representative to the General Court this year which was decided in the negative

A Motion was then made to Adjourn the Meeting to Tuesday the 15 th Novr at One O clock P. M. for the Choice of a representative to the General Court Which was decided in the affermative.
the Meeting accordingly was adjourned.

Novr 15 th. 1842

The Inhabitants of Bedford qualified to vote Met agreeably to to adjournment and had three ballotings for a Representative to The General Court and no person having a Majority of the votes at either balloting The Town Voted to adjourn the Meeting to Wednesday the 16 th at noon for the purpose of Choosing a Representative
The Meeting was accordingly adjourned

Nov 16 th 1842 The Town Met agreeably to adjournment & brought in their votes to the Selectmen for a representative no Choice was made on the ~~three~~ first ballotings on the fourth trial the whole number of ballots given in was one hundred & fifty five and were for the following Persons viz John P. Reed had eighty votes 80
John W Simonds 46 "
S P. Bacon 20
R W Chamberlain 7
J Bacon 1
R Bacon 1
John P. Reed was declared to be duly Elected

Warrant For Town Meeting Feby 13th 1843

L.S. Middlesex Ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections & in town affairs, to meet at the town Hall in Bedford, on Monday the Thirteenth day of February, at one O clock P. M., It being the second Monday of February of said Month,

1st To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to Represent District No 4, in the Congress of the United States for the term of two years, the polls for the choice of that officer to be open at one O clock P. M.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs,

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

2nd To see if the town will unite with the town of Carlisle in building a Stone pier in the Centre of Concord River bridge on the river between Bedford & Carlisle, or do any thing relative to the same,

3d To See if the town will pay Mather Hayward Jr for his Engine Share,

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the Public Meetinghouses in said town, nine days before the time of holding said Meeting, Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to ourselves at or before the time of holding said Meeting, Given under our hands and Seal this fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three,

John P Reed }
Michael Crosby } Selectmen Of Bedford
Amos B Cutler }

Middlesex Ss, Bedford Feby 4th 1843, Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, I have served the same by posting attested Copies thereof at each of the Public Meetinghouses nine days before the time of holding said Meeting

Thomas Stiles Constable of Bedford,

A true Copy Attest. Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting February 13th 1843

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants Met and acted on the Articles therein as follows.

1st, The votes were brought in to the Selectmen for a Representative to the Congress of the united states, which being Sorted, and Counted, & declared, as by Law is directed, were as follows, Whole number of ballots one hundred and fifty six, Viz,

For Hon William Parmenter of Cambridge one hundred and twenty five votes,	125
For Hon Samuel Hoar of Concord twenty one votes,	21
" Thomas W. Ward of Shrewsbury ten votes,	10

Town Affairs

Article 1st, Oliver W Lane was chosen Moderator,

2nd Relative to the Carlisle Bridge, The town Chose a Committee, Viz, Samuel Sage, C. B. Lane, and Oliver W Lane, to Meet the Committee chosen by the town of Carlisle, to Confer with them on the subject, and make report at the next march Meeting,

3. Relating to M. Haywards Engine House,
Voted that the article be Indifinately postponed

A true Record, attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting 1843.

Middlesex ss. To either of the constables of the town of Bedford greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the 6th day of March next at 12 o clock M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting

2nd to bring in their votes for a County treasurer for the ensuing year,

3d To Choose all necessary town officers for the current year,

4th To direct the Manner of repairing the roads and Bridges the ensuing year

5th to raise Money for the repair of the roads & Bridges the year ensuing

6th to see if the town will restrain neat Cattle and horses from running at large on the common lands & highways the year ensuing

7th To see if the town will Choose a Committee to audit the Accounts of the town the year ensuing

8th To hear the report of the Selectmen on the expenses of the town

9th to hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide posts and act thereon

10th At the request of the Town of Burlington to see if the town of Bedford will take the Paupers of the town of Burlington at the Poor farm of said Bedford for maintainence for the year ensuing or do anything relative to the same

11th & 12 articles on next Page

3 To hear the report of the Committee relative to purchasing a hearse or repairing the old one

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Congregational Meeting houses in said Bedford nine days before the time of holding said Meeting

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Warrant for March Meeting Continued

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said Meeting

The 12 article in the Warrant was the request of Samuel Hyman & others to see if the town will Instruct the Selectmen not to give approbation to any Individual to sell Spirituous liquors within the limits of the town or do any thing relative to the same

11th article to hear the report of the Committee chosen at the last town Meeting to confer with a Bridge Committee of Carlisle

Given under our hands and seals this twenty fourth day of Febuary in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three

John P. Reed
Michael Crosby
Amos B Cutler

Middlesex ss. Bedford February 25th. 1843
Agreeable to the foregoing I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses nine days before the time of holding the Meeting

Thomas Stiles Constable of Bedford

A true copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 6th 1843

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant & notice the Inhabitants of Bedford met and acted on the articles therein contained in the following Manner viz

1st For Moderator Whole number of votes was 65

George W Woodward had 66 and was Chosen

2nd For County Treasurer the whole number of ballots was 137

Stedman Buttrick of Concord one hundred and twenty nine votes
Albert H Nelson of Woburn ten Votes

8th The town voted to consider the 8th article relative to the expences of the town which was exhibited by the Chairman of the Selectmen which report was accepted by the town

article 3d For Town Clerk Whole number of ballots 159
Reuben Bacon had ninety one votes and is Chosen and 91
was Sworn by the Moderator.

For First Selectman whole no votes 166 Necessary for a choice 84
For Albert Bacon 1 vote
R Bacon 1 "
Amos Hartwell 80 votes
Amos B Cutler eighty four votes and he is Chosen 84

Second Selectman Whole No votes 147 necessary for Choice 74
Amos Hartwell had eighty seven and was Chosen 87

Third Selectman Whole No votes 138 necessary for a Choice 70
Albert Bacon has eighty seven votes and is Chosen
Voted that the Town will Omit to Choose Assessors & Overseers of the Poor
Amos B Cutler
Amos Hartwell and
Albert Bacon Personally appeared and made oath that as Selectmen of the Town of Bedford they would faithfully and impartially perform their duty respecting all elections & the returns thereof
Before Me Reuben Bacon Justice of the Peace

The Selectmen as aforesaid were duly sworn as Assessors

Town Treasurer Whole No of Votes 71
John Bacon has Seventy one and is Chosen and Sworn
Voted to adjourn this Meeting to tuesday March 7th at one o'clock P.M.

March Meeting Continued March 7th 1843

Tuesday March 7th The Inhabitants Met agreeably to adjournment and acted on the residue of the Articles in their Warrant in the following manner

Constable Whole number of ballots 82
William Proctor has 50 and is chosen & sworn

Do Whole no of Votes 114
Benjamin Page has 76 and is chosen & Sworn

Collector of taxes Edward Bacon was chosen & sworn and is to have seventeen dollars & fifty cents for that service
Voted that the mode of collecting the taxes shall be the same as last year See old Book 174 & 5 and this Book Page 5th & 198

Fence Viewers Samuel Sage
Jon.a Monroe
Eliab. B. Lane } Sworn

Surveyors of Highways, Samuel Sage, Benjamin F. Davis
Eleazer P. Davis, Stephen Hooker
Hiram Whitford, Samuel Wyman
Isaac P. Bacon, Francis Wilson Jr
Seth Whitford, Oliver W. Lane
were chosen & sworn

Field Drivers, Stephen Hooker Leander Hosmer
Benj.a A. Webber John K Colling &
Obed Stearns were chosen & sworn

Tything Men Oliver W. Lane, Lewis P. Gleason,
Charles Spalding, William Proctor,
& Larkin B. Page were chosen

Fire Wards Isaac P. Bacon, Joseph Phelps, &
William Proctor were chosen

Measurers of Wood & Bark Oliver W. Lane E. P. Davis
Seth Whitford, Benja A. Webber,
William Proctor, Thomas Stites,
& Jonas Munroe, were chosen & sworn

Surveyors of Lumber, Amos B Cutler, Wm Porter,
Nathan Fitch & George Crosby were chosen

Pound Keeper William F. Frost.

Hog Reeves Oliver W. Lane, Nathan O Reed
Jonas Putnam, Joseph H Goodwin
Lucius Stiles, Hiram Whitford &
Daniel H. Butters

Voted that the Choice of School Committee be postponed to April Meeting

article 4 & 5th Roads & Bridges Voted that the sum of five hundred dollars be assessed to be laid out in the usual way and the same discount allowed to those, who pay Cash as last year see Page 182 this Book.

6th Voted to restrain neat Cattle & horses from going at large on the highways and common lands the year ensuing agreeably to law

7 Auditors, Joel Fitch Edward Flint and Thos Stiles were chosen

8th The Selectmen exhibited a report of the expences of the the town which report was accepted

9th The Selectmen made a report on Guide boards which was accepted

10th Relative to this Town making provision for the Poor of the town of Burlington, The Town Chose a Committee Viz Amos B Cutler, Amos Hartwell, Albert Bacon, John Merriam & George Fiske a Committee with full power to make a contract with the town of Burlington for the support of their Poor if said Committee shall deem it for the Interest of the town

11th The Committee appointed at the last town meeting, relating to a Stone Pier in the Centre of the Concord River Bridge &c Report, that they have conferred with the Committee of Carlisle who inform them that the town of Carlisle will probably do nothing further, relative to the same. And recommend that this Town take no further action on the subject. which report was accepted

March Meeting 1843 Continued record,

Article 12th Relative to Instructing the Selectmen. The following Resolve was submitted.

Resolved the Selectmen be and hereby are Instructed not to approbate any Person, or Persons, for a licence to sell Spirituous Liquors in Bedford, the year ensuing Which Resolution passed in the affirmative.

The following order was then submitted
Ordered that the town clerk be directed to transmit a copy of the Remonstrance and petition of Samuel Hyman and others, with a copy of the doings of the town thereon, to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, before the [illegible] of their meeting at Cambridge the 28th inst, Which was adopted by the town

13th On the subject of a Hearse the the committee reported that it is best to make the old Hearse answer the purpose untill the same is run down Report not accepted

On Motion it is voted that the town will procure a new Hearse, Chose John Merriam George Simonds & Larkin F. Page, a committee to procure a new Hearse the expence of which shall not exceed One hundred & twenty five dollars.

The town passed the following Resolves,
Resolved that the Selectmen be requested to insert an article in the warrant for April Meeting to see if the town will direct the Selectmen in future to cause the expences of the town to be printed Annually, or do any thing respecting the same,

Resolved that hereafter it shall be understood that when a funeral is set on a week day at a certain hour it will be expected that the Bell will toll at the hour the funeral is set and that the prayers will be attended in one hour after,
A true Record attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting 1843

(LS) Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the third day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following Articles Viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

2nd To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the year ensuing.

3d To raise money for the support of schools the year ensuing

4th To Choose a school Committee for the year ensuing

5th To see if the Town will direct the selectmen to let out the ringing of the bell and the care of the Town Hall the ensuing year or do any thing respecting the same.

6th To see if the town will cause the expences of the Town to be printed the ensuing year or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Town at the time – Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this twentieth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three

Amos B. Cutter } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell } of
Albert Bacon } Bedford

Middlesex ss. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections and in the choice of Town officers to meet at the Town Hall on Monday April 3d to act on the above named articles by posting attested Copies at each of the public Meeting houses nine days before the time of holding said Meeting William Proctor Constable of Bedford
Bedford April 3d 1843

A true Copy Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

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Town Meeting April 3d 1843.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the articles in the warrant as follows Viz.

article 1st. George W Woodward was chosen Moderator,

" 2nd Ordinary charges, Voted to raise One thousand and five hundred dollars, to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the year ensuing. $ 1500 --

3d Voted to raise Six Hundred dollars for support of schools the year ensuing. $ 600 --

4th Choose William Proctor, George Simonds, and Charles Spalding, School Committee for the year ensuing, by ballot.

5th " Voted that the Selectmen be directed to let out the care of the Town Hall, and ringing of the bell the ensuing year, as usual.

6th " Voted that the selectmen be directed to cause the expences of the Town to be printed in pamphlet form. and that the Items in each mans particular account. be carried on. seperately, and specifically, for each kind of thing furnished. or labour done.

The following Resolve was offered. Resolved that the Selectmen be Instructed to remove the hearse House, and put the same in good condition to receive the new Hearse when the same shall have been procured by the Committee appointed for the purpose at last March Meeting. Which passed. to be recorded

a true Record attest

Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant For Novr Meeting 1843

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Middlesex Ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the thirteenth day of Nov Next, at twelve O Clock at noon, being the second Monday of said month, To bring in their votes to the selectmen for Governor and Lieutenant Governer, of this Commonwealth. and for six Senators for the Middlesex district, all on one ballot. Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent this town in the next General Court to be holden at Boston on the first wednesday of January next. the Polls for the above named officers to be Open at One O Clock in the afternoon. Also to Act on the following Articles of Town affairs.

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd To see if the town will Instruct the selectmen to draw an order in favour of Thomas Stiles he having the power of Attorney from Loring Smith to collect the teachers board for the east school district for the winter term in 1842-3, or do any thing respecting the same.

3d To see if the town will defray the expence of repairing the bridge formerly Kept in repair by simeon Blodgett or do any thing respecting the same.

4th To see if the town will lay out a road (by request of Jabez Wolcott.) at a point near the house of said Wolcott. to the Billerica line, or do any thing respecting the same. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Public Meeting houses in said town nine days, at least before the time of holding said Meeting, Given under our hands and seal the thirtieth day of October in the year of Our LOrd one thousand eight hundred and forty three

Amos B Cutler
Amos Hartwell
Albert Bacon
Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex Ss. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and Warned the Inhabitants of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall on monday the thirteenth day of Nov Inst. as within directed

Bedford Nov 13th 1843.

William Proctor
Constable of Bedford.

a true Copy attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

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Town Meeting November 13th 1843

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and brought in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Six Senators for the district of Middlesex and Also for a Representative to represent the Town in the next General Court to be holden in Boston, which votes were Sorted, counted, and declaration of the same made as is by law directed and were as follows Viz

Whole Number of ballots for Governor 186
For Governor Marcus Morton of Taunton 134 votes
" George N. Briggs of Pittsfield 39 votes
" Samuel E. Sewall of of Roxbury 13

For Lieutenant Governor Whole number ballots 186
Henry H Childs of Pittsfield has 134 votes
John Reed of Yarmouth " 39 "
William Jackson of Newton " 13 "

For Senators Whole number of ballots 186
J G Abbott of Lowell has 134 votes
F R Gourgas of Concord has 125 "
Thos J Greenwood of Marlborough 133 "
James Russell of West Cambridge 134 "
Luke Wellington of Ashby 134 "
Joseph of Framingham 134 "
Stephens Hayward of Acton 39 votes
Asa F. Lawrence of Pepperell 39 "
Henry Wilson of Natick 39 "
Charles Choate of Woburn 39 "
Isaac Livermore of Cambridge 39 "
Royal Southwick of Lowell 39 "
Charles Foster of Charlestown 13 "
David Goodale of Marlborough 13 "
John Fletcher of Acton 13 "
Hiram Parker of Lowell 13 "
Amos B Merrill of Cambridge 13 "
James Kimball of Littleton 13 "

For Representative Whole number of Ballots 161
John W Simonds has 85 Votes
Amos Hartwell " 44
John P. Reed " 8.
P. W Chamberlain 7
Albert Bacon 15
Joseph Brown 1
R Bacon
necessary for Choice 161
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article 1st The Town made Choice of Amos Hartwell as Moderator of the Meeting on Town affairs

2nd on the subject of Thos Stiles, the town voted an Indifinate postponement of the whole subject.

3d on the subject of repairing the bridge formerly Kept in repair by Simeon Blodgett, Voted that If Mr Crosby neglects or refuses to make proper repairs the selectmen are Instructed to put up a railing each side of the town or public way, so as to make it safe for traveling,

4th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to examine the subject of a road near Mr Wolcotts house and If they think proper to lay out a road agreeably to the request and that they report their doings for the action of the town at the next March Meeting,

A true Record of the doings of the town

Attest. Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant For March Meeting 1844

Middlesex Ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the 4th day of March next at nine O clock A. M. then & there to act on the following articles viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2nd To bring in their Votes for a County treasurer for the ensuing year,
3d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year
4th To direct the manner of repairing the roads and bridges the ensuing year,
5th To raise Money for repairing the roads & Bridges the ensuing year
6th To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle and horses from running at Large on the Common lands and highways the year ensuing

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article 7th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to Audit the accounts of the town the ensuing year

8th To hear the report of the Selectmen on the expences of the Town

9th To hear the report of the selectmen on guide posts and act thereon

10 By request of Elijah W. Stearns to see if the town will take any measures to exclude cattle from the burying ground or do any thing respecting the same

11th By request of Elijah W. Stearns to see if the Town will sanction the act of Thomas Stiles whereby he removed a portion of the stone wall enclosing the buryng ground and substituted instead thereof a wooden fence, or take any action thereon

12th By request of William Clark & others to see if the town will build a new Schoolhouse in the west district or do any thing respecting the same

13th By request of Nathaniel Page to see if the town will pay a bounty on Crows heads caught and killed within the limits of the town or do any thing respecting the same,

14th By request of Orville Tyler to see if the town will authorize the school districts to choose their prudential Committee in the several school districts or do any thing respecting the same.

15th To hear the report of a Committee chosen at last Nov meeting to lay out a road near Jabez Wolcotts house to the Billerica line.

16th By request of Michael Crosby to see if the town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted to direct the selectmen at their last Nov Meeting to erect a railing on the Crosby Mill bridge provided George Crosby does not keep his part of the bridge in repair, Or do any thing respecting the same,

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copy thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in said town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place aforesaid

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Given under our hands this 21st day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four

Amos B Cutter } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell } of
Albert Bacon } Bedford

Middlesex ss. I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Bedford, by posting notices at each Meetinghouse in said Bedford, nine days before the time of holding said Meeting, as therein directed.

Bedford March 4th 1844, William Proctor Constable of the Town of Bedford

a true Copy attest
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk.

Meeting March 4th 1844

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the articles in the Warrant in the following manner

1st They brought in their Votes to the Town Clerk for a Moderator Whole Number of votes 78 which were for Phinehas W Chamberlain and he was Chosen Moderator of the Meeting

2nd For County Treasurer. the whole number of Ballots was 134 which being Counted by the moderator and town Clerk and were for Stedman Buttrick Esquire of Concord one hundred and thirty four votes — — — — — — 134

Town Clerk Whole no. votes 161 Reuben Bacon had eighty four and was Chosen & Sworn

1st Selectmen Whole No. votes 146 Amos B Cutter has 121 and is Chosen

2nd Selectman Whole No " 149 Amos Hartwell has 95 & is Chosen
3d Do Whole No " 154 Albert Bacon has 83 & is Chosen,
Voted that the Town will Omit to Choose Aſseſsors & Overseers of the Poor The Selectmen were then sworn as aſseſsors and Also that as Selectmen of the Town of Bedford they would faithfully and impartially perform their duties respecting all Elections and the returns thereof.

Before me Reuben Bacon Justice of the Peace

Town Treasurer Whole No votes 97
John Bacon has 95 and is Chosen

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Constables Whole No Votes 94

Joseph Phelps has 64 and is Chosen & Sworn

2nd Whole No ballots 90

William Proctor has 47 & is Chosen & Sworn

Collector of Taxes Samuel Wyman was Chosen,
And agrees to perform the service for
Sixteen dollars, to Collect in the same
manner as last year, see old Book 174 & 5
and this Book Page 5th & 198.
Voted that the taxes be Collected in the same manner
as last year

Fence Viewers, Joseph Phelps, Michael Crosby,
& John P Reed. all Sworn,

Surveyors of Highways, Joseph Skinner,
William Clark, Leander Harmer, Constantine
Hall. George Wells. Charles White, Amos
Hartwell, John P. Reed. Chosen & Sworn
Thomas Stiles, John Smith,

Field Drivers, Samuel Sage, Francis Wilson Jr
Eleazer P. Davis, John R Catling, Sworn
Eldridge Merriam. Justus P. Hastings, sworn

Tythingmen, Wm Proctor, Oliver W Lane, &
Joseph Phelps, Sworn

Fire Wards, Joseph Phelps. William Proctor. &
Nathaniel C Cutler,

Measurers of Wood & Bark, William Proctor.
Oliver W Lane, Benjamin A Webber,
were Sworn. Jonas Munroe Thos Stiles
Stephen Haynes, Seth Whitford.

Surveyors of Lumber. Nathl C Cutler, Isaac P. Baron
George Crosby, Sworn. & Nathan Fitch,

Pound Keeper, Elijah W Stearns.

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Hog Reeves, Elijah W. Stearns, Jonas Putnam,
Samuel Taylor, Wm D Reed, Joseph
Douse, Eldridge Hartwell, Benja G Hosmer,
Henry Hosmer, Daniel Twiss, Nathaniel P. Watts,
John O Bacon, Justus P Hastings.

article 4th Voted to proceed in the same manner as last year in repairing the roads, & Bridges, the ensuing year,

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50 ,,

5th Voted to raise five hundred dollars to be laid out in the usual way in Repairing the roads & Bridges the year ensuing, and fifty dollars to be assessed in money to be used if necessary in repairing the roads & Bridges under the direction of the Selectmen.

6th voted to restrain neat Cattle, and horses from going at large on the common lands, & highways the ensuing year,

7 Auditors, Chose Lewis P. Gleason, Eleazer P Davis, & Isaac P. Bacon, Auditors for the year ensuing,

8. Town Expences, the Selectmen have leave to report the Expences of the town at next april Meeting.

9 The Selectmen made a report on guide posts, which was accepted, and ordered to be filed, in the Clks office,

10th on the subject of excluding Cattle from the burying Ground, Chose Larkin P. Page, Oliat B. Lane, & Elijah W Stearns, a Committee to examine the subject & report at the april Meeting,

11 Voted that the Selectmen divide the fence between the burying ground, & Land of Thomas Stiles, provided they can agree with said Stiles, and cause the division to be recorded on the town Book,

12th respecting the west school house, Chose Lewis P Gleason, Michael Crosby, John P. Reed a Committee to examine said House, & report at april Meeting next,

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March Meeting 1844 Continued

article 13 Voted not to pay a bounty on Crows heads the year ensuing.

14th Voted that the several School districts be authorized to choose their district agents, provided they do so before the April Meeting annually,

15th The Selectmen reported, that they had laid out a road sixteen feet wide, begining at an elm tree on the Billerica line, near Mr Hobbs mill, thence running Southerly, to a Stake & Stones by land of said Walcott, thence to the town road at the easterly side of said Walcotts house, the bounds being all on the westerly side of said road, the whole length being forty and three fourth rods, Which report was accepted by the town,

16 On the subject of the Crosby Mill Bridge, Voted that the whole subject be submitted to the Selectmen, with full power to settle the same with Mr George Crosby, and that they report their doings at next April Meeting.

A true Record. attest Reuben Bacon,
Town Clerk

Warrant For April Meeting, 1844

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the first day of April next at 9 O Clock A.M.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners and two special Commissioners for the County of Middlesex all on one ticket.
And also to act on the following articles viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2nd To raise money to defray the ordinary Charges of the town the ensuing year

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3d To raise Money for the support of Schools the ensuing year

4th To Choose a School Committee for the year ensuing

5th By request of G. W. Wells, To see if the town will grant one hundred dollars in addition to what they have already granted to be worked out in the usual way upon the Public Highways.

6th By request of a Committee of the Centre school district to see if the town will provide the district with safe and suitable rooms for the use of their schools, or do any thing respecting the same

7th To see if the town will carry on the suit any farther commenced against the town by Thomas Stiles attorney for Loring Smith or do any thing respecting the same

8th To hear the report of the Committee upon the Crosby Mill Bridge or do any thing respecting the same.

9th To hear a report of a Committee upon the division of the fence upon the south and east side of the burying ground or do any thing respecting the same.

10th To see if the town will give any further Instructions in regard to the Petition of Constantine Hill and Stephen Hooker or do any thing respecting the same

11th By request of Nathaniel Page & others, To see if the town will pay a bounty of twelve and one half cents Crows heads caught and Killed within the limits of the town the ensuing year, or do any thing respecting the same,

12 By request of John P. Reed to see if the town will give him leave to Straighten the wall opposite where his Old house stood, and part way up the hill by his new House or do any thing respecting the same

13th To see if the town will direct the Selectmen to let out the ringing of the Bell & care of Town Hall the ensuing year, or do any thing respecting the same,

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14th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on the expences of the town the last year and do any thing respecting the same

15th To hear a report of a Committee on the west school house and do any thing respecting the same.

16th To see if the town will accept a list of Jurors as presented by the selectmen

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in said town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at or before the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this twenty first day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty four

Amos B Cutler. Amos Hartwell
Albert Bacon Selectmen of
Bedford

Middlesex Ss I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in Elections, & in town affairs, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant, as within directed,
Bedford April 1st 1844
William Proctor Constable
of the town of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Reuben Bacon
Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 1st 1844

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and Brought in their votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners and two Special Commissioners which being sorted & counted as by law is directed were as Follows

For County Commissioners Whole number of ballots was one hundred & twenty 120

For Special Commissioners Whole number of ballots was one hundred, 100

For County Commissioners

Timothy Fletcher ~~of~~ Charlestown, had 74 votes
J. B. French of Lowell, " 73 "
Josiah Adams of Framingham, " 57 "
Seth Davis of Newton, " 49 "
Luke Fiske of Waltham, " 39 "
Asa F Lawrence of Pepperell, " 38 "
Amara Ames of Hopkinton, " 24 "
Sidney Spaulding of Lowell, " 8 "

For Special Commissioners.

Ephraim Moore of Sudbury, had 43 votes
Leonard Thompson of Woburn, " 43 "
Nathan Crosby of Lowell, " 49
John Fletcher of Acton, " 49
Darias Stephens of Stoneham, " 8
Charles Tower of Stow " 8

article 1st Whole number of Ballots for Moderator was 63 George W. Woodward had 55 votes & was Chosen

article 2nd Voted to raise One thousand & five hundred dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the Town for the year ensuing. $ 1500 —

3d Voted to raise Six hundred dollars for Support of Schools — — $ 600 —

4th Chose George W. Woodward, S. H. Emery and Elleazer P. Davis School Committee for the year ensuing

5 Voted not to raise any additional Money for the repair of Highways.

Town Meeting April 1st 1844 Contd

Article 6th on the Petition of the Committee of the Centre School district the Town chose a Committee Viz, John P. Reed, Obed Stearns, Stephen Haynes. Amos B. Cutler, Eliab B Lane, and John D. Billings. a Committee to examine the Centre School house, & town Hall, and to report Generally on the subject to the town at an Adjourned Meeting

Voted that when this Meeting adjourn it be to Meet at the town Hall on Friday the 5th Inst at three O clock P.M. and that the Committee aforesaid Make their report at said time

7th Voted to Instruct the Selectmen to carry on the suit commenced against the town by Thomas Stiles, Attorney for Loring Smith,

8 The Committee on the Crosby Mill Bridge made a report which was recommitted to same Committee with Instructions to report at Adjourned Meeting

9th The Selectman made a report that they had divided the fence on the South and east Side of the Burying ground & caused the same to be recorded which report was accepted

On the Subject of the Petition of S. Hooker & Co. Bill
10 ~~passed over for Consideration at Adjourned Meeting~~
Voted that the town will give no further Instructions,

11 Voted to pay a bounty of ten cents for young, and twenty Cents for Old Crows heads, caught and Killed within the limits of the town, the ensuing, year, and that the Town Treasurer pay out said Bounty, and that said Treasurer shall be sole Judge whether they be young or Old,

12 Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to direct Mr J P. Reed where he may set the Wall near his old house &c,

13 Voted that the ringing of the Bell & care of the town Hall be referred to the Selectmen as last year

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14th The Selectmen submitted a report of the expences of the town which was accepted

15 On the subject of the West school district House the Committee made a report, the consideration of which was by vote postponed to the adjourned Meeting

16 The Selectmen report, that they have not made out a list of Jurors, for the acceptance of the town, and on Motion, the subject was Indefinately postponed,

On Motion, Voted, that the Meeting do now adjourn,

April 5th 1844

The Inhabitants of Bedford Met agreeably to adjournment and acted on the unfinished business of the april Meeting in the following manner

Article 6th The Committee made a report that they found the Town Hall & Centre School House in a Worse condition than they expected but that it will be best for the town to repair said building as described in their report which they think may be done for the sum of one hundred and thirty seven dollars See report on file.
The Town Voted to accept the report of the Committee
Chose Amos Hartwell Chas. J White Amos B Cutler, Joseph Brown & Stephen Haynes a Committee to make said repairs & also to arrange Town Hall for a School room

article 8th the Selectmen report that they have not been able to close any agreement with Mr George Crosby other than as reported at last Meeting
The Town Voted that the subject be recommitted and that the Town Clerk be added to the Committee with Instructions to examine the records and ascertain the rights of the town relative to the same, and that the Selectmen direct the surveyor to cause all obstructions to be removed from the bridge, on the pond side,

article 15th The Town voted to accept the report of the Committee presented on Monday to dispose of the old School house in the west School district and build a new one
Voted Six hundred dollars to be expended for the purposes aforesaid
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 15th 1844.

Middlesex S.s. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on monday the fifteenth day of April Inst. at three O clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz,

1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

2nd By request of Reuben Bacon Jr and others; To see if the Town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted to repair the Town Hall,

3. To See if the Town will dispose of the centre school house & Town Hall, and build a new one suitable for the uses of the district and Town, or do any thing respecting the same,

4th By request of John P. Reed, To see if the Town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted to build a new school House in the west School district,

5th To See if the Town will equalize the school houses in the several school districts, and cause each district to support its own School Houses, or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in said Town, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting;
Given under our hands at Bedford this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty four,

Amos B. Cutter, } Selectmen
Albert Bacon. } of Bedford,

Middlesex S.s. I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of Bedford qualified to Vote in town affairs, to Meet at the town Hall on Monday the fifteenth day of April Inst., to act on the above named articles as therein directed.

Bedford April 15th 1844. William Proctor Constable — of Bedford,

a true Copy Attest

[illegible] Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 15th 1844

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and Acted on the articles as follows,

1st Chose George W. Woodward Moderator,

2nd Voted not to reconsider the vote whereby the Town Voted to repair the Town Hall & School House.

3. Voted to lay on the table.

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4th Voted to lay the same on the table,

5 Laid on the table,

On Motion Voted to adjourn,

A true Record Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant For Town Meeting April 29th 1844

Middlesex ss. To Either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said Bedford on monday the twenty ninth day of April, at 2 O,clock P. M. to bring in their votes to the selectmen for two Special County Commissioners for said County,
Also, to act on the following articles Viz

1st. To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting

2nd By request of William Proctor & Others To see if the Town will build a new School house for the use of the Centre school district

3d By request of Elijah W. Stearns to see if the town will divide the centre school district Geographically into two districts,

4th By request of Elijah W. Stearns to see if the town will annex to the centre district one or more of the Houses belonging to the West district. Over

April 29th 1844

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meetinghouses in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of holding said Meeting

Given under our hands this 18th day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty four

Amos B Cutter } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell } of
Albert Bacon } Bedford

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and Warned the Inhabitants of Bedford qualified to Vote in Elections & in town affairs to Meet at the town Hall on Monday the twenty ninth day of April Inst to act on the within named articles as therein directed

Bedford april 29th 1844 William Proctor Constable of Bedford

a true Copy
Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and were called upon by the Selectmen to bring in their Votes for two Special Commissioners for the County of Middlesex after a part of the votes had been received On Motion it was Voted that the Polls be kept open untill after the transaction of the town Business

1st The town Clerk Called upon the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a Moderator for the transaction of town affairs which being sorted & counted were as follows

For Capt Timothy Page 22 votes
" George W Woodward 31 votes and he was Chosen Moderator,

article 2d On Motion this article was laid on the table

3d Voted not to divide the Centre School district

4th on Motion of Elijah W Stearns this article was laid on the table, — up

April 29th 1844

Resolved that the Committee now making repairs on the town Hall & School House, be Instructed to cause the out side wood work of the building to be painted except the roof also the Inside of the town Hall including the Moderators desk and that the seat in front of the desk be removed

It was moved that the Meeting do now adjourn and Voted in the affermative

The Selectmen then Called upon the Inhabitants to forward their votes for Special Commissioner Which being done, the same were Sorted, Counted and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, were as follows
Whole number of Ballots were eighty nine 89
and were for the following Persons viz

For Ephraim Moore of Sudbury forty four votes 44
Leonard Thompson of Woburn forty four " 44
Nathan Crosby of Lowell forty votes 40
Charles Talver of Stow five votes 5
John Fletcher of Acton forty votes 40
Darias Stephens of Stoneham five votes 5
a Copy of which being attested by the Selectmen & Town Clerk & Sealed in Open Meeting as above, On Motion the Meeting was disolved.
A true Record Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting June 3d 1844

Middlesex Ss. To Either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, in said County, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the third day of June next, at three O Clock in the afternoon, then & there to act on the following Articles,

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

2nd By request of Obed Pollard & others To see if the Town will direct their Overseers of the Poor to discharge from the Poor Farm the superintendant, Mr. J. M. H. Rowell, And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Public Meetinghouses in said town, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid, Given under our hands this 25th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty four,

a True Copy,
Attest, Reuben Bacon,
Town Clerk,

Amos B. Cutler. } Selectmen
Albert Bacon. } of Bedford.

Middlesex Ss. I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the town Hall in said Bedford, on Monday the third day of June next, at three O Clock P. M. as therein directed,

Bedford May 31st 1844,

William Proctor, Constable
of Bedford,

Copy attest. R Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 3d 1844

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, and notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford Met and acted on the Articles in the Warrant in the following manner,

1st Phinehas W. Chamberlain was Chosen Moderator.

2nd Voted to Instruct the Overseers of the Poor, to discharge the Present superintendent of the Poor farm, Mr T. M. H. Rowell, twenty voting in the affermative & ten in the negative

Voted, that the Meeting do now adjourn, without day.
a True Record Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant For Town Meeting Nov. 11th 1844

Middlesex SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified to vote in Elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the eleventh day of November next, at nine O Clock in the forenoon, it being the second Monday of said month, To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor, and Lieutenant Governor, of this Commonwealth, and for six Senators for the Middlesex district, Also to bring in their votes for a representative to represent district number four, in the Congress of the United States, Also to bring in their votes for twelve Electors of President and vice President of the United States, Two from among the people at large, and one from each Congressional district within the Commonwealth, Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to Represent this Town in the next General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next, The Polls for the Choice of the several offices to be open at ten O Clock in the forenoon,

Also to Act on the following Articles of Town affairs

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting,

2nd To hear a report of a Committee of repairs on the Town Hall and School room, 3d. To see if the town will direct the Selectmen to cause the expences of the town to be printed,

4th By Request of William Page, to see if the Town will choose a Committee to ascertain if any Individuals have made encroachments on the Public Highways or common lands of the town, without authority, and report their doings at some future Meeting,

5 To see if the If the Town will take any measures to dispose of their Town farm, or do any thing respecting the same,

6 By request of Benjamin A Webber and others to see if the Town will cause the school House in the east part of the town to be repaired, or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting,

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to us at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid,

Given under our hands this thirty first day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four,

Amos Hartwell, } Selectmen
Albert Bacon , } of
Bedford

Middlesex ss

I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections & in town affairs, to meet at the town Hall in Bedford, on Monday the eleventh day of Nov Inst. by posting copies of the warrant at each of the public Meeting houses in Bedford, at the time and for the purposes as therein directed,

Bedford Nov 11th 1844, William Proctor Constable of Bedford,

A true Copy attest, Reuben Bacon Town Clerk,

Town Meeting Nov.r 11th. 1844

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant & notice The Inhabitants of the Town Met and Acted on the Matters contained in Said Warrant in the following manner, viz

The Votes being brought in to the Selectmen For Governor, were, whole number of ballots, one hundred & Eighty ~~nine~~ seven and were for the following Persons,

George Bancroft of Boston,	119 votes
George N Briggs of Pittsfield,	46 "
Samuel E. Sewall of Roxbury,	22 "
Lt Gov.r Henry Childs of Pittsfield,	119 votes
" John Reed of Yarmouth,	45 "
" William Jackson of Newton,	22 "

For Senators Whole number of ballots were one hundred and Eighty eight,

For Leonard M. Parker of Shirley,	120 votes
" James Ruſsell of West Cambridge,	120 "
" F R. Gourgas of Concord,	120 "
" Luke Wellington, of Ashby,	120 "
" Joseph Fuller, of Framingham.	120 "
" Josiah B French, of Lowell,	120 "
" Stevens Hayward, of Acton,	44 "
Isaac Livermore, of Cambridge,	44 "
Henry Wilson, of Natick,	44 "
Royal Southwick, of Lowell,	44 "
Charles Choate, of Woburn.	44 "
James P Whitney, of Shirley,	44 "
David Goodale, of Marlboro,	24 "
Charles Kimball, of Littleton,	24 "
Andrew T. Nute, of Lowell.	24 "
Charles Foster, of Charlestown,	24 "
Amos B. Merrill, of Cambridge,	24 "
James T. Woodbury, of Acton,	24 "

For Representative to Congreſs Whole Number, of ballots one hundred and eighty nine,

For William Parmenter, of Cambridge,	123 votes
" Benjamin Thompson, of Charlestown,	42 votes
" Thos W. Ward, of Shrewsbury,	24 "

On Motion Voted that the Polls be kept open till 4 O Clock P.M.

Nov 11th 1844 at 12 O Clock, Voted to adjourn till 2, O, Clock, P. M. at 2, P. M. met agreeably to adjournment.

For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, Whole number of Ballots, were one hundred eighty six,

Electors at Large.

Gayton P, Osgood, of Andover has	112	Votes
Samuel C. Allen, of Northfield,	112	"
Abbott Lawrence, of Boston,	41	"
Lewis Strong, of Northhampton,	41	"
Joel Hayden, of Williamsburgh	33	"
John G Whittier, of Amesbury,	33	"

For District No one,

Charles G, Greene, of Boston,	112	"
Nathan I. Appleton, of Boston,	40	"
Timothy Gilbert, of Boston,	33	"

" No two,

Ebenezer H Stacey of Gloucester,	112	"
John P. Allen of Manchester,	41	"
Nathan D. Chase of Lynn,	33	"

" No 3

Hiram Plummer of Haverhill	112	"
Homer Bartlett of Lowell,	41	"
Willard Brown of Lowell,	33	"

" No 4

Charles Thompson of Charlestown,	112
Abraham R Thompson of Charlestown,	41
John Fletcher of Acton,	33

" No 5

J. S. C, Knowlton of Worcester,	112
Charles Allen of Worcester,	41
Phinehas Crandall of Millbury,	33

" No 6

H. G. Newcomb of Greenfield,	112
Wm B. Calhoun of Springfield,	41
John Dickinson Jr of Amherst.	33

" No 7

Orrin Sage of Blanford,	112
Chauncy B Rising of Worthington,	41
Edward Lasselle of Williamstown,	33

District No 8

Artemas Brown of Medway,	112 votes
Elijah Vose of Dorchester,	41
Jeſse Wheaton of Dedham,	33

" No 9

Peter H. Peirce of Middleboro	112
William Baylies of West Bridgewater,	41
Laban M. Wheaton of Norton,	33

No 10

John H. Shaw of Nantucket.	112
Seth Crowell of Dennis,	41
Gilbert Richmond New Bedford,	33

All the above Votes were received, sorted, and counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, and true copies sealed in Open Town Meeting,

On the Subject of a representative to represent this town in the next General Court a Motion was made by Mr Spaulding that the town Omit to Choose a person for that purpose to day, Voted in the affirmative 48 to 36, A Motion was made by Mr Reed that the town Omit to Choose at this Meeting, voted in the affirmative 46. to 29 Mr Wilson Moved that the Town reconsider the last Vote voted in the negative 52, to 32.

Town affairs,

rticle 1st George W. Woodward was Chosen Moderator,

" 2nd The Committee on repairs of Hall & School room made a report, Voted that the report be recommitted with Instructions to white wash the town Hall again, and finish the repairs at the south end of the Hall about the foundation as in their discretion they may think proper and as Originally intended,

3 Voted that the Selectmen be Instructed to cause the expences of the town to be printed in a Similar Style to the printed expences of last year;

4th Voted to Choose a Committee for the purpose contemplated in the article, Chose William Page P. W. Chamberlain, B. F. Hartwell, Stephen Haynes, Uriah Goodwin & Eliab B. Lane for the purpose

Nov 11th 1844

article 5th Voted that the article in relation to the Sale of the Town farm be Indefinately postponed,

6th Voted that the Select men be authorized to make the necessary repairs on the east School house And Also that they visit the south and north School Houses, and make such repairs as they may think proper and necessary,

A true Record
Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

1844. Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 25th

Middlesex Ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the ~~Town~~ said Town, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 25th day of Nov Inst at One O,clock P. M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative, to represent this Town in the next General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next,

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Meeting houses in said Town, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on or before the time of holding said Meeting,

Amos B Cutler, } Selectmen
Albert Bacon, } of Bedford,

Middlesex Ss I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 25th day of Novr Inst, at one o. Clock P. M, for the purpose of bringing in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent this Town at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next by posting copies of the Warrant at each of the public Meeting houses in said town, nine days before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed.

A true Copy attest Bedford Novr 25 1844 William Proctor Constable of Bedford
Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Town Meeting Novr 25th 1844.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant & Notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford Met, and were called upon by the Selectmen to bring in their votes for a Representative, One Vote was deposited in the box before the Selectmen had checked the name on the list, or authorized any other person to do so, a Motion was then made to take the sense of the Town whether they will choose, or not, the Selectmen ruled that the Motion was in Order, notwithstanding the one ballot which had been deposited in the box the Motion was ammended by consent of the mover That the Town defer to choose this year, Voted in the affirmative 43, and in the negative, 18. a Motion was then made that the Meeting be diſsolved and declared by the Chairman to be decided in the affirmative,

A true Record Attest Reuben Bacon Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting Decr 23d 1844

Middlesex Ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the town Hall in Bedford on Monday the twenty third day of Decr Inst, at two O,Clock, P. M, to bring in their votes to the selectmen for a Representative to represent district No 4, in the Congreſs of the United States for the term of two years from the fourth day of March next,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in said Town, nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at the time and place of holding said meeting, Given under our hands the 12th day of December in the Year 1844,

Amos B. Cutler,
Amos Hartwell,
Albert Bacon,
Selectmen of Bedford

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December 23rd 1844

Middlesex Ss.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the town Hall, at the time, and for the purposes therein specified, as directed,

Bedford Decr 20th, 1844, William Proctor.
Constable of Bedford,

a true copy, attest. Reuben Bacon, Town Clerk,

Town Meeting December 23rd 1844,

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant & notice, the Inhabitants of Bedford met, and brought in their votes to the Selectmen, for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for two years from the fourth day of March next, Which being sorted, counted, & declaration thereof made, were as follows,

Whole No of Ballots, 129,

For William Parmenter of Cambridge, eighty six votes 86
" Benjn Thompson of Charlestown, thirty five votes, 35
" Thomas W Ward of Shrewsbury, eight votes,

a true Record, attest, Reuben Bacon, Town Clerk,

1845. Warrant for March meeting

Middlesex ss, To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said Bedford on Monday the 3rd day of March next at nine O'clock A. M. then and there to act on the following articles, Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

2d To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year.

3d To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

4th To direct the manner of repairing the roads and bridges, the ensuing year.

5th To raise money for repairing the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

6th To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle and horses from running at large on the common lands and highways the ensuing year.

7th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to audit the accounts of the Town the year ensuing

8th To hear a report of the Selectmen on the expenses of the town.

9th To hear the report of the Selectmen on guideposts, and act thereon.

10th To hear the report of the Committee on encroachments on the public Highway and common land.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 17th day of February in the year, one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Amos B. Cutler
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen of
Albert Bacon Bedford

Middlesex ss. I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town hall at the

1845 time, and for the purposes specified in the within warrant as directed.

Bedford March 3rd 1845.

William Proctor.
Constable of the
Town of Bedford.

A true copy, attest.

Joel Fitch Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 3rd 1845.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, met and acted on the several articles contained in said Warrant as follows, to wit.

Art. 1st Chose George W. Woodward Moderator

- 2nd. For County Treasurer: The whole number of ballots given in, being counted by the Moderator and town clerk, was found to be one hundred and five, all of which were for Stedman Butrick, Esquire of Concord — 105 votes

- 3rd Town Clerk. Joel Fitch was chosen & sworn.

Town Officers

Selectmen. Amos Hartwell } were chosen and sworn
John P. Reed & } as Selectmen, and
Jonathan Bacon } sworn as Assessors.

The town voted to choose a separate board of Overseers of poor, and chose three; all of whom wishing to be excused, were accordingly excused from serving; and the vote whereby it was determined to choose a separate board, was then reconsidered

Town treasurer John Bacon chosen & sworn

Constables. — Joseph Phelps & } Chosen & sworn
Thomas Stiles }

Collector of taxes. Nathaniel C. Cutler, chosen & sworn, and agrees to perform that service for the sum of
15.75 fifteen dollars and seventy five cents,

1845. March meeting, record continued

Fence viewers, Nathaniel C. Cutler
Thomas Goodwin &
Phinehas W. Chamberlain } chosen & sworn

Surveyors of highways, - Thaddeus H. Davis, Sam^l. Sage
P. W. Chamberlain, Benjam^n. Davis
Benj^m. A. Webber. Joseph Brown, sworn
Stephen Haynes Asa Mead jr, sworn
Constantine Hill.

Measurers of wood and Bark, - Oliver W. Lane, Cyrus
Page Thomas Stiles, Jon^a. Bacon,
William N. Reed, Jonas Monroe, sworn
Stephen Haynes Seth Whitford

Field drivers, Eliab B. Lane, Thomas Stiles, John
R. Cotting, Nath^l. C. Cutler Benjamin
A. Webber, Peter Farmer, sworn.
Eldridge Merriam Jon^a. Munroe

Tythingmen, W^m. Webber, Oliver W. Lane, Eliab B. Lane,
Thomas Stiles, William Proctor.

Firewards. Joseph Phelps, W^m. N. Reed, John D.
Billings, Isaac C. Bacon, Jonathan Bacon

Surveyors of lumber, William N. Reed, Nath^l. C. Cutler,
W^m. Clark, Amos B. Cutler, Francis
Wilson jr, sworn. - Nathan Fitch

Pound keeper. John Bacon

Hogreeves, John W. Simonds, Daniel Twiss,
Elijah W. Stearns, Moses Brown, Jacob
Wheeler, Thomas Goodwin, Otis Bacon,
Abel Monroe, Thomas Stiles,
Joshua Jackson, William Webber.

4 Voted to repair the roads and bridges in the same manner as the last year. See pages. 314. 302.

5 Voted to raise the same sums of money, to repair the roads and bridges as were raised last year.
For sums raised last year, - See page 314. Article 5

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6 Voted, to restrain neat cattle and horses from going at large on the Common lands and highways the ensuing year

7 Chose. Lewis P. Gleason, Eleazer P. Davis and Isaac P. Bacon, Auditors, for the ensuing year,

8. Town expenses, The selectmen reported a statement of the Town expenses, after the reading and explaining of which, it was voted to accept the same,

9 Guide Posts, The Selectmen made a report on Guide Posts, which was accepted & ordered to put on file,
Also, Voted to instruct the Selectmen to place a Guide board near the house of Cyrus Page directing to Bedford: One near the house of George Crosby, directing to Burlington and Woburn: One near the Hayscales, directing to Nashua. Also, one near the house of Joseph Brown, and one near the house of Benjm A. Webber both directing to the Springs

10th. The Committee on encroachments, on the public Highway and Common lands, offered a written report, which as amended, and with an order, adopted and appended thereto, was accepted, and ordered to be put on file, in the Town Clerk's office,
Also. - Voted to instruct the several surveyors of highways to remove all impediments to the public travel, such as manure-holes, Stones or other incumbrances in their several limits, as soon as their convenience, and the public good requires,
Also. - Voted to instruct the Selectmen to assign the road on the west side of the Common and the road in front of Daniel Twiss estate, leading from Concord to Billerica, as highway limits the present year.

Voted to refer the choice of highway surveyor where Charles White was the last year, to the next April Meeting.

A true record, attest, Joel Fitch. Town Clerk.

March 24. 1828
John Bacon Town Treasurer Charged with the following

Notes, due from the Sale of the Pews in Meeting house		
Capt David Reeds Note Feb 11th 1822	98	80
Interest paid on the same, up to Feb 11. 1828		
James and Francis Wilsons dated ~~Feb~~ March 2 1818		
due on said Notes principal	387	40
Interest paid on the same to Feb 11th 1827		
Timothy Page Note dated Feb 11th 1822		
due one said Note principal	78	
Interest on the same to Feb 11th 1828		
James Wrights Note dated Feb 11th 1822		
due on said Note principal	9	46
Interest paid to Feb 11th 1828		
William Goodridge Note dated Feb 11th 1822		
due on said Note principal	14	
Interest paid to Feb 11th 1828		
Nathaniel Pages Note dated Feb 11th 1822		
due on said Note principal	62	26
Interest paid to Feb 11th 1828		
April 28 William Everetts Note being a ballance due from him which he received from the Treasurer	39	55

Recorded March 24th 1828
Received of John Bacon Town Treasurer the Sum of four hundred & fifty one dollars & eighty nine cents being part principal and part interest collected on the Pew Notes, with which said Treasurer was charged, for the purpose of Painting the Meeting house &c. 451 89

William Webber
Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell
Selectmen

Recorded October 30th 1831
Received of John Bacon, by vouchers from persons to whom he has paid Sundry debts Owed by the town, Seven hundred and thirteen dollars 78 cents, & four dollars and one cent, in cash which is in full for Interest and principal of the Notes charged to him above. except the note of William Goodridge which, with the the four dollars and one cent is charged to him in new account on Page 344.

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell
Joseph Brown
Selectmen

Bedford Nov. 6th 1826

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John Bacen. Treaſurer of said. Town charged with the following Notes. &c.		
James & Francis Wilson Note Dated 2d March. 1818	435	00
Interest paid to March 2d 1823.		
Timothy Page Do. Dated 11th Feb. 1822	111	00
Interest paid to Feb 11th 1826		
Capt David Reed. Dated Feb 11th 1822 - - - -	98	80
Interest paid to Feb. 11th 1826		
James Wright Dated Feb. 11th ~~1826~~ 1822 - - -	41	49
Interest paid to Feb 11th 1826		
William Goodridge. Do. Dated Feb. 11th 1822 - - -	20	00
Interest paid to Feb 11th 1826		
Nathaniel Page Do. Dated Feb. 11th 1822 - -	79	26
Interest paid to Feb. 11th 1826		
Moses Page. Do. Dated December 29th 1825 - - -	86	79
Job Lane Do. Dated Feb. 11th 1822 - - -	21	90
Interest paid to Dec 11th 1825		
March 24th 1828 then Transfered what was due of the above Notes which was not wholly paid to Page 339		
Revd Samuel Stearns Bond - - - -	1000	00
Also charged with cash received for Goodwin Note and interest Recd. on sundry Notes - - - - -	170	08
October 1st 1827 Received of John Bacen Town Treaſurer in orders and receipts twenty two hundred and sixty eight dollars and forty seven cents - -	2268	47

William Webber }
Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell

Bedford October 1st 1827
This day settled with John Bacon Treasurer of Sd Town for all Money for which he stands Charged excepting the late Commitment of taxes to David Fitch's Bellance due from the Treasurer to Sd Town one hundred sixty four dollars twenty seven cents 164 27

William Webber }
Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell

John Bacon Town Treaſurer

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Bedford June 25th 1827.

John Bacon Treaſurer of said Town, Charge with a Town & Minister Tax, including the arrears of a High way tax dated May 12th 1826, being two thousand one hundred and thirty two ~~five~~ dollars and ~~fifteen cents~~ Ninty one cents. — $ 2132 91
Committed to David Fitch to collect & pay in the same.

William Webber
Reuben Bacon } Aſseſsors

1828 March 24. John Bacon Town Treaſurer Charged Cash, being a part of the proceeds of the sale of Miſs Wheeler's effects — 20.00

1828 June 30th. John Bacon Treaſurer of the Town of Bedford. Charged with the Town and Minister tax, including the arrears of a Highway tax dated May 28th ~~[illegible]~~ AD 1827. Amounting to the sum of twenty two hundred & ~~fifty dollars~~ Ninety one, dollars ~~fourty~~ 07 cents $2291.07
Committed unto Joel Fitch, with a warrant in Due form of law for collecting and paying in the same.
June 18th 1829 Also as Above to Each Rev.d & Fire Engine committee twenty nine dollars — 29 ..

2320 07

William Webber
Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell } Aſseſsors

1829. July 30th John Bacon Treaſurer of the Town of Bedford, was Charged with a Town and Minister tax, amounting (including the overlayings) to the sum of two thousand one hundred & eighty three dollars & twenty four cents — 2183,24
also ~~including~~ including the arrears of a Highway tax dated May 16th 1828.
~~the sum of~~
Which taxes are committed unto John W. Hayward with a warrant for collecting and paying in the same.

William Webber
Reuben Bacon } Aſseſsors

Bedford Sept 29th 1828

This day Settled with John Bacon Treasurer of said Town for all Money with which he stands Charged excepting the late commitment of taxes to Joel Fitch

Ballance due said town two Hundred & forty one dollars thirteen cents

$241.13

William Webber
Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
John Bacon Town Treasurer

Bedford Oct. 5th 1829

This day Settled with John Bacon Treasurer of said Town for all money with which he stands charg^d excepting the late Commitment of taxes to John W. Hayward

Ballance due said Town Six Hundred & Sixty dollars 37 cts

$660,37

Also Eleven dollars 58 c for effects of Paupers Sold

William Webber
Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
John Bacon } Treasurer

Bedford October 4th 1830

This day Settled with John Bacon Treasurer of Said Town for all money with which he stands charged excepting the late commitment of Taxes to David Rice

Ballance due said Town three Hundred & Six dollars thirty two cents $ 306 32

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Joel Fitch
John Bacon } Treasurer

Bedford June 30th 1830

John Bacon Treasurer of said Town is charged with a town and Minister tax includ-ing arrears of a highway tax dated May 5th 1829 of nineteen dollars 50 cents amounting in all to Twenty hundred and two dollars 30 cts $ 2002,30 committed by the assessors to David Rice to collect and report the same to care of Amos Hartwell 3 46

2005 76

Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell } of Bedford

Bedford Oct 31st 1831

2173.20 Recd of John Bacon Treasurer of said Town twenty one hundred and seventy three dollars and 20 cents in receipts and orders being in full for all moneys with which he stands charged excepting a Balance of one hundred & thirty eight & eighty eight cents which is charge to him in new account 138,88

Reuben Bacon }
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Joseph Brown }
John Bacon } Treasurer

Bedford Oct 31st 1831

John Bacon Treasurer of said town Dr

To one Note signed by William Goodridge Principal & David Reed Surety Interest paid to Feb 11th 1828	14
" one note signed by John & David Reed dated January 28th 1828 for one hundred and twenty one dollars on demand with Interest	121 ..

Bedford Sept 24th 1833 the above Notes have been paid & charged in towns accounts on a Settlement with John Bacon on Page 344

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell
Timothy Page

Bedford October 31st 1831

John Bacon Treasurer of Said town Dr
to Ballance on Settlement Oct 31. 1831.
one hundred and thirty eight dollars 88/100 — 138 88
to ballance of Money collected on Pew Notes page 339 — 4 01
Oct 31st to a late Commitment of taxes to Joel Fitch
collector for the year 1831 twenty two Hundred
and One dollars & eleven Cents — 2201 11
$ 2344 00

Bedford October 29th 1832 Received
of John Bacon Treasurer of said Town twenty
hundred and Forty two dollars in Recepts for Interest
paid on town debts and Orders of Selectmen &
Overseers of the Poor — 2042 ,82
Ballance Charged to new account — $ 301 ,18

Bedford October 29th 1832
John Bacon Treasurer of said Town Dr
to Ballance of Old Assessments not accounted
for above three Hundred & one dollars & 18 Cents — 301 18

Reubin Bacon
Timothy Page

John Bacon

Bedford Oct. 1st 1832
John Bacon Treasurer of said Town is
Charged with a town & Parish tax Committed
to Orvilles M. Blodgett to collect amounting
to nineteen hundred & sixty one dollars
and fifty eight Cents including County tax — 1961 .58
Deduct from above amt of County tax for 1832 — 120 66
1840 92
1833 March 14th John Bacon Treasurer Dr
to Cash Received of State for Support
of Violet for two years ending Jan 1st 1833
Seventy three dollars — 73 00
to Cash Recd for John & David Reeds Note — 155 72
" Cash Borrowed of Joseph Brown — 100 00
" " Recd of Page & Hartwell fund trustees — 1 18
" " " " For Support of Gospel — 52 10
" " for Wm Goodridges Note — 18 47
" " Cash Borrowed of Wheeler girls — 13 33
amt carried over — $ 2555 90

345 Dr John Bacon Treasurer in Acc

1833 Sept 24th	Amt. of Charge from priceeding Page	2555 90

Sept 24th. 1833 Settled with John Bacon Treasurer of the Town of Bedford agreeably to the foregoing account.

Reubin Bacon }
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Timothy Page
John Bacon

John Bacon as above " Dr

	To Balance of account on Settlement Sept 24th 1833	174 69
	To amt. of Taxes Committed to James Webber a Collector of taxes for the Town for the Year 1833	1972 85
Oct 25	To Cash of R Bacon Recd of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Lexington	26 57
Nov. 25	Cash Recd of Overseers of Poor of Carlisle	15 29
1834 April 3d	Cash Recd of State Treasurer for Pauper	36 50
3"	Cash of Overseers of Poor	7 25
1834 Feb. 21	To Cash Received of trustees of Page & Hartwell funds	56 15
		$ 2289 30

Sept 30th 1834 Settled with John Bacon treasurer of said town of Bedford agreeably to the above account and he is charged with the balance of three hundred & Seventy four dollars & 48/100 on new account New Book Page 72

Amos Hartwell }
Albert Bacon } Selectmen of Bedford
John P. Reed }
John Bacon Treasurer

With the Town of Bedford Cr

1833			
Sept. 24th	By Cash Paid Orders of Selectmen & Interest on Town debts	1737	39
"	" " Militia Soldiers as pr order of aſseſsors	49	00
"	" " for Crows heads as pr Vote of the town	9	70
"	" " Orders for the first Parish	585	12
		2381	21
	Balance Charged to new account	174	69
		2555	90

1834			
Sept. 30	By Cash Paid Orders of Selectmen & Overseer of Poor	1117	04
"	" " " Interest on town's debts	235	68
"	" " " principal on towns debts in part	12	99
"	" " " Militia Soldiers for 1833	43	15
"	" " " Bounty on Crows heads	1	30
"	" " " Orders Parish Committee 1st Society	504	66
		$1914	82
	Balance carried to new account on new Book	374	48
		$2289	30

Bedford May 13th 1839

John Bacon Treasurer of the Town of Bedford having Collected the Bond for one thousand dollars with which he Stands Charged on this Book under date of Novr 6th 1826 and having paid therefrom the Rev Samuel Stearns Salary up to april 27th 1833 and all the bills that have been presented for Collection of Said Bond agreeably to the votes of the town in their capacity of the first congregational Society, and having paid over the balance to the Treasurer of Said first Congregational Society he is hereby discharged on account of Said Bond by Us

John P. Reed
Albert Bacon
Cyrus Page
} Aſseſsors of Said first Society

1845. Warrant for April meeting.

(Seal)

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town hall in said Bedford, on monday the seventh day of April next at twelve O.clock, at noon, to act on the following articles, viz.

1st. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

2nd To raise money to defray the Ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year

3d. To raise money for the support of schools the year ensuing.

4th To hear a report of the school Committee for 1844-5.

5th. By request of Isaac P. Bacon and ten others, To know if the town will approve of the course taken by their School Committee, in relation to approbating Mr. Addison Davis, as a teacher of a public school in this town.

6th To choose a school Committee for the ensuing year,

7th To see if the town will accept of a list of Jurors, as presented by the selectmen.

8th To choose a surveyor of highways in the district where Charles S. White served last year, as continued from last March meeting

9th To see if the town will direct the Selectmen to let out the ringing of the Bell, and care of the Town hall the ensuing year, or do any thing respecting the same.

10th By request of Justus P. Hastings, to see if the town will permit the walls to remain as they now stand between his lands and the public highway.

11th To see, how the town will order the bills to be paid, for removing and treading snow on the public roads, the past winter

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, nine days at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Bedford, this twenty fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Amos Hartwell
John P. Reed
Jonª Bacon
} Selectmen of Bedford

Constables return on the foregoing Warrant

Middlesex ſs. Bedford March 29th 1845

Agreeable to the within, I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses, nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Thomas Stiles - Constable of Bedford.

A true copy, attest, Joel Fitch Town clerk.

Town meeting April 7th 1845.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice: The inhabitants of the town of Bedford met, and acted on the several articles contained in said warrant as follows, to wit.

1. Chose John W. Simonds Moderator

2. Voted, To raise fifteen hundred dollars, to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year. $ 1500.00

3. Voted, To raise Seven hundred dollars, for the support of schools, the year ensuing. $ 700 00

4. Heard the report of the school Committee for the year 1844-5, - and voted to accept the same,

5. Voted, To indefinitely postpone the 5th article.

6 Chose, Rev. George W. Woodward
- Samuel H. Emery, and
Eleazer P. Davis School Committee for ensuing year,

7. Voted, To accept a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen, viz. Obediah P. Johnson, Amos B. Cutler, Albert Bacon, William Everett, William A. Stearns, Jonas Monroe, Charles Spalding, Oliver W. Lane, George Simonds, John Bacon, Reuben Bacon, Michael Crosby, Benjamin J. Davis, Isaac P. Bacon, Joseph Hartwell.

1845 April meeting continued

8. Chose. George Crosby, surveyor of highways in the district where Charles F. White served last year.

9. Voted. To instruct the selectmen to let the care of the Town-hall, and the ringing of the bell (at twelve O'clock, at noon; and at nine O,clock, in evening,) to some suitable person, with instruction to ring said bell, at the proper times; and to ring it, at least, five minutes, at each time.

10. Voted. Not to grant the request of the petitioner,

11 Voted. To direct the selectmen, to pay the bills for removing and treading down snow on the public roads the past winter, at their discretion.

On motion of Phinehas W. Chamberlain,
Voted, "That the Town choose a Committee, to compile a system of rules and orders, or by-laws, for the government of the meetings of the Town, and present the same for acceptance, at the next November meeting;" and chose Rev. G. W. Woodward, Phinehas W. Chamberlain, & Reuben Bacon Esqr. Committee
Voted. To adjourn.

A true record
Joel Fitch, Town Clerk

Names of Persons liable to do military duty in the Town of Bedford, May 1st 1845.

Albert Bacon
Warren Bacon
Moses F. Brown
Isaac P. Bacon
John O. Bacon
Edward Bacon
Silas Brooks
Joseph M. Butterfield
John D. Billings
Eli S. Boothby
Royal T. Bryant
Daniel H. Butters

William H. Bryant

Amos B. Cutler
James M. Cutler
John R. Colting
Wm H. Cooper
Wm S. Comey
Charles C. Corey
Phinehas W. Chamberlain
Nathaniel C. Cutler
David Clark
Cyrus F. Crosby

Franklin Crosby
Matthew Casey
Wm Clark
George Crosby

John S. Davis
Eleazar P. Davis
Benjamin F. Davis
Samuel Davis
George Davis
Thaddeus H. Davis
Joseph Dowse

1845. Military roll continued,

Timothy Dean
Charles Dean
Quincy Dean
Hiram L. Dutton

Robert W. Edwards

Edward Flint
Abel Flint
Nathan Fitch
Albert Fitch
George Fisk 2d

Charles O. Gragg
Josiah Q. Gragg
William Goodwin
Henry Goodwin
Joseph H. Goodwin
Matthias Gamel

Joseph Hartwell
George Hosmer
Henry Hosmer
Jason Holton
Jonas P. Heywood
Benjm G Hosmer
Ebenezer Hayward
David Hill
Justus P. Hastings
Eldridge Hartwell
Constantine Hill
Stephen Haynes jr.
Nelson Haynes
Thomas B. Hosmer
Joseph Hartwell 2d
George Hartwell
Benjm F. Hartwell

Benjm Hildreth
Isaac Hartwell

Joshua Jackson
Obediah P. Johnson
Charles Jackson
Elbridge Jones

Benjm H. Kimball
Wm Kelsey
Samuel W. Kimball
John P. Kimball
Joseph Litchfield
Sylvanus Lawrence
Ward Lack
Abner B. Lane
John R. Lane

Abel S Monroe
Charles E. Manning
Edward Merritt
John A. Merriam
Eldridge Merriam
John E. Merriam
Asa Mead jr.

Wm Proctor
Daniel B. Piper
Sewall Parkhurst
Lorenzo Phelps
Benjamin Page
Larkin P. Page
Moses Page 2d
Joseph Perkins
Augustus Pierce
Jonas Putnam

Charles Robinson
Ephraim Reed
Wm N. Reed
Wm D. Reed
David Reed
Felix Riley
Charles P. Robbins
John P. Reed
Nathan O Reed

George H. Smith
Henry H. Staples
Joseph Skinner
George Simonds
John W. Simonds
Charles Spalding
Elias Skelton
Elijah W. Stearns
Elijah Skelton jr
Edwin Skelton
Loring Smith

Samuel Taylor
Daniel Twiss

Isaac L. Watts
Merrill Whitcomb
Valentine Wilson
Samuel Wyman
Willard Wilson
George Wilson
Nathaniel P. Watts
Albion Willard
Benjm A. Webber
Francis Wilson jr.
Willard H. Wilson
Seth Whitford.

Amos Hartwell } Assessors
John P. Reed } of
Jona - Bacon } Bedford

A true copy
Attest. Joel Fitch Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting June 16th 1845

Middlesex ſs.

To either of the constables of the Town of Bedford, in the County of Middlesex
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the sixteenth day of June Inst. at Six O.clock, P.M. then and there to act on the following articles

1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2nd By request of the Committee of a volunteer engine Company to see if the Town will procure hose carriage with additional Hook and Ladders, and hook and ladder carriage, or do any thing to fit up a more efficient fire apparatus.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this seventh day of June in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen of
John P. Reed }
Jonª Bacon. } Bedford

A true Copy attest. Joel Fitch Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs.

Bedford June 7th 1845

Agreeable to the within, I have served this warrant, by posting attested Copies thereof at each of the public meeting Houses, nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Thomas Stiles. } Constable
} of Bedford

A true Copy attest, Joel Fitch Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 16th 1845

Pursuant to the forgoing Warrant and notice The Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the several articles contained in said Warrant as follows to wit

1st Chose John W. Simonds Moderator

2 Voted to Choose a Committee to procure Hose Carriage with additional Hook & Ladders. and hook and Ladder Carriage.

3 Voted that said Committee Consist of 3 and that
4 the Chair nominate

5 Chose Isaac P. Bacon John P. Reed Lorenzo Ph
Committee
6 Voted to instruct said Committee to procede forthwith to the discharge of their duty

7 Voted to instruct the Committee to procure additional Hose so that in the whole there shall be 200 feet

Voted to hear a report of a Committee chosen last April to compile rules and orders for the government of future Town Meetings
Committee reported

9 Voted that report be laid on the Table
move to adjourn adopted

December 8th 1845

Voted Whereas our late town Clerk Joel Fitch Esq died leaving the above records in notes and without recording them upon the Books or authenticating them by his signature,—
Therefore, Resolved that the town approve the record and authorise the Clerk to sign and authenticate them

A True Copy, Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Whereas Nathaniel C. Cutler who was duly elected Collector of Taxes for the Town of Bedford for the year 1845 at their annual Meeting for the choice of Town Officers in March last and sworn into office did refuse or neglect to give bond with sureties as the law requires when requested so to do at two different times by the subscribers and thereby disqualified himself for the duties of said office. we therefore the subscribers have appointed Castalio Hosmer Collector of Taxes for the Town of Bedford for the year 1845 and agree that he shall draw from the treasury of said Town twenty two Dollars and fifty cents for said service

Bedford July 1st 1845

Amos Hartwell ⎫ Selectmen
John P. Reed ⎬ of
Jona. Bacon ⎭ Bedford

A True Copy, Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

August 11th 1845.

Whereas God, in his allwise and righteous Providence, has seen fit to remove by death, Joel Fitch Esq town clerk of the town of Bedford, and thereby caused a vacancy in said office. We therefore the Subscribers agreeably to the provisions contained in the fiftieth Section of the fifteenth chapter of the revised Statutes do hereby appoint Joseph Brown jr as clerk, in the performance of the duties to which reference is made in the said 50th sec 15 chap Revised Statutes

Bedford August 11th 1845

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
John Pierce } of
Jon^a Bacon } Bedford

Middlesex ss. August 12th 1845 Then Personally appeared the within named Joseph Brown jr and made oath that he would perform the duties of clerk of the town of Bedford agreeably to the within appointment

Before me, Reuben Bacon, Justice of the Peace

A true Record attest Joseph Brown jr
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting October 6th 1845

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Middlesex ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in the County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, Qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the sixth day of October next, at one O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
2d To fill the vacancy of Town Clerk occasioned by the Death of Joel Fitch Esqr

3 To bring in their votes for Register of Deeds for said County of Middlesex for the remainder of the term for which the former Register was elected,

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Bedford, eight days at least before the time for holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings there on to us the subscribers at the time and place of meeting as affore said

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Amos Hartwell (Selectmen
John P. Reed, (of
Jona Bacon, (Bedford,

A true Copy attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex ss

Bedford September 27th 1845

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine Days before the time of holding this Meeting

Thomas Stiles Constable
of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the several articles contained in said warrant as follows to wit

Article 1st Chose Jonathan Bacon Moderator

" 2 For Town Clerk whole number of votes were one hundred and fifteen Thomas Stiles had sixty three and was Chosen and Sworn

" 3 For County Register of Deeds the whole number of Ballots brot in were seventy four 74
and were for Ephraim B. Patch of Lowell fifty five Ballots 55

For Reuben Moore of Concord four votes 4

For Caleb Hayden of Cambridge fifteen votes 15

Voted to Ajourn

A true record Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for November Meeting 1845

Middlesex Ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford

Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the tenth day of November next at nine O.Clock in the forenoon it being the second Monday of said month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor and Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth, Also to bring in their votes for Six Senators for the Middlesex district also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent this Town in the next General Court to be holden in the City of Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. also to bring in their votes for a County Commissioner for said County for the residue of the term for which Timothy Fletcher Esqr resigned, was chosen, the polls for the choice of the several Officers to be opened at Ten O.Clock in the fore noon.

Also to act on the following articles of Town affairs

1st To choose a Moderator

2 To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to cause the Expenses of the Town to be printed

3 To hear a report of a Committee appointed at last April Meeting to Compile a System of rules and orders or bylaws for the government of the meetings of the Town.

4th To hear a report of a Committee appointed to procure additional Hose for Fire Engine Hose Carriage additional Fire Hook Ladders and Ladder Carriage and repairs on Fire Engine.

5th Also to give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County for the residue of the term for which William F. Stone Esq was elected and until another shall be chosen and qualified in his Stead.

Warrant for November Meeting continued

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at or before the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty seventh day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Amos Hartwell
John P. Reed
Jona Bacon
Selectmen of Bedford.

A true Copy Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex ss
Bedford October 31st 1845
Agreeable to the within I have served this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this Meeting

Thomas Stiles Constable of Bedford

A True Copy Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting November 11th 1845

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted uppon the following subjects contained in the Warrant

On motion
voted that the Chair appoint a Chaplain

Rev S. Hopkins Emery being appointed opened the Meeting with Prayer

On motion of Reuben Bacon Jr
voted that the thanks of this Meeting be presented Rev S. H Emery for his short and comprehensive Prayer

The poll was then opened by the Selectmen for the inhabitants to bring in their votes for Governor and Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth and six Senators for the District of Middlesex
Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent this Town in the next General Court
Also to bring in their votes for a Commissioner for the County of Middlesex

On motion
voted that the polls for Governor and Lieut Governor Senators and Commissioner be kept open till four O.Clock P.M.

On motion
voted to adjourn till one O.Clock P.M.

Afternoon Session

Town met agreeably to adjournment

On motion
voted that the Town do not choose a Representative this Year

The whole number of ballotts given in for Governor is one hundred fifty seven and they were for the following persons to wit—

for

Town Meeting Continued

Gov Isaac Davis of Worcester seventy eight votes 78
" George N. Briggs of Pittsfield forty five votes 45
" Samuel E Sewall of Roxbury thirty four votes 34

The whole number of ballotts brot in for Lieut Governor is one hundred fifty seven and were for the following persons to wit 157

Gov George Savary of Bradford eighty votes 80
" John Reed of Yarmouth forty votes 40
" John M Brewster of Pittsfield thirty seven votes 37

The whole number of ballots brot in for Senators were one hundred fifty seven and were for the following persons to wit 157

Gov Joseph Fuller of Framingham eighty votes 80
" Benjamin Muzzey of Lexington eighty votes 80
" William E. Parmenter of Cambridge eighty votes 80
" George W. Dike of Stoneham eighty votes 80
" Bradford Russell of Groton eighty votes 80
" Ambrose A. Bean of Lowell eighty votes 80
" James R. Whitney of Shirley forty votes 40
" Thomas Wentworth of Lowell thirty nine votes 39
" E. Rockwood Hoar of Concord thirty nine votes 39
" Eli Rice of Marlborough forty votes 40
" Alfred Allen of Somerville forty " 40
" Thomas Emerson of South Reading forty " 40
" Charles Forster of Somerville thirty seven " 37
" J. L. Bradbury of Acton thirty seven " 37
" James Kimball of Littleton thirty seven " 37
" Daniel Goodale of Marlborough thirty seven " 37
" Andrew J. Butler of Lowell thirty seven " 37
" Amos B. Merrill of Cambridge thirty seven " 37

The whole number of ballots brought in for County Commissioner is one hundred thirty nine and were for the following persons to wit

Com Anthony Wright of Concord seventy votes 70
" Clark Bennett of Somerville twenty two " 22

Town Meeting November 11th Continued

For	Seth Davis Esq of Newton twentyone votes	21
"	Ebenezer Barker of Charlestown twentyfour "	24
"	Cyrus Page of Bedford two "	02

Town Affairs

Article 1st
Chose Phineas M. Chamberlain, Moderator

" 2 Voted to have the expenses of the Town Printed

" 3 On Motion voted to take up the report on Rules & Orders for the government of Town Meetings laid on the table June 16th 1845

On motion voted to amend by striking out of the second Chapter and sixth section "at the sixth line the words" vote or"
Voted to accept the Report as amended

Rules and Orders for the Government of Town Meetings

Chapter 1.

Of the Duties and Powers of the Moderator

I.

The Moderator shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other persons; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Meeting by motion regularly seconded; and no other business shall be in order till the question on the appeal shall have been decided.

II

He shall declare all votes; but if any person rises to doubt a vote, the Moderator shall order a return of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without any further debate upon the question

III

He shall rise to put a question or to address the Meeting but may read sitting; and in all cases the Moderator may vote

IV

When the Meeting shall determine to go into a Committee of the Whole the Moderator shall appoint the Individual who shall take the Chair

V

He shall propound all questions, in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature; except that in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first

VI

After a motion is stated or read by the Moderator it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Meeting and shall be disposed of by a vote of the Meeting; but the mover may withdraw it at any time before a decision or amendment

VII

When a question is under debate the Moderator shall receive no motion but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged;

VIII

He shall consider a simple motion to adjourn as always first in order; and that motion, and the motion to lay on the table, or to take up from the table shall be decided without debate

IX

He shall put the previous question in the following form "Shall the main question be now put?" and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended untill the previous question shall be decided. after the adoption of the previous question, the sense of the Meeting shall forthwith be taken upon pending amendments and then upon the main question

Duties of the Moderator Chapter I

X

When two or more Persons happen to rise at once, the Moderator shall name the Person who is first to speak; giving the preference to those Persons who have not previously spoken on the subject then before the Meeting.

XI

All Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, unless otherwise specialy directed by the meeting.

XII

The Moderator shall have the right to name any person to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

Duties of Citizens Chapter II

Of the Duties, Rights, and Decorum of Citizens

I

Every Person, when about to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the Moderator, shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality, and shall sit down when he has finished.

II

No person rising to move a question, shall proceed to speak untill the motion has been distinctly stated to the meeting by the Moderator and no person speaking shall be interrupted by another but by rising up to call to order

III

When a vote has passed, it shall be in order for any one of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof at the time of its passage, which motion shall be placed last in the order of business of that meeting. If the mover afterwards withdraws his motion then any citizen may renew it at any time; and when a motion for reconsideration is decided that vote shall not be reconsidered.

Of the Duties of Rights and Decorum of Citizens

Chapter II

IV

Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator shall so direct

V

Any person may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it. a motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisable; but a motion to strike out being lost, shall neither preclude amendment, nor a motion to strike out and insert

VI

When any person shall be guilty of a breach of either of the Rules and Orders of the meeting and after being notified by the Moderator of the same, shall persist therein he may be required by the meeting on motion to make satisfaction therefor and shall not be allowed to speak, except by way of excuse, till he has done so,

VII

Motions and Reports may be committed or recommitted, at the pleasure of the Meeting

VIII

No motion or proposition of a different subject from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment

IX

No Rule or Order of the Town shall be dispensed with, altered, or repealed, unless two thirds of the Members of the Meeting shall consent thereto.

X

When a vote is doubted, the persons for and against the question, when called on by the Moderator, shall rise and stand uncovered till they are counted

XI

The Rules and proceedings in the Town Meeting shall be observed in a committee of the whole Meeting so far as they may be applicable, but a motion to rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again, shall be always first in order, and shall be decided without debate

XII

All questions relating to the priority of business to be acted upon, shall be decided without debate

XIII

All questions of order not provided for in these rules shall be decided upon the principles laid down in Cushings Manual

Chapter III

Of the duties of Selectmen and Committees

I

At any meeting called by order of the Selectmen it shall be their duty to Open the Meeting at the time appointed in the Warrant

II

It shall be the first business in order, after the organization of any Meeting to hear reports from the Selectmen, from Committees to whom any subject has been referred at a previous meeting, and to receive Petitions, Resolves, Memorials, and any other matter to be presented by any Inhabitant of the Town, for the consideration of that Meeting.

III

In all meetings for the election of State Officers, when the Selectmen shall preside, it shall be in order to receive a motion to proceed to choose one or more, to omitt choosing, to adjourn to a day certain or to adjourn indefinitely, before the commencement of an election and no other; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged

Chapter III Duties of Selectmen and Committees

IV

The Selectmen shall make an annual Report of the financial condition of the affairs of the Town for the year ending on the Ninth of March of each succeeding year to be printed with each item of Receipt and Expenditure for distribution among the Inhabitants; and they may report at any meeting upon such subjects as they deem of importance to bring before the Town for their action

Geo W Woodward (Chairman for the Committee

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Article 4th The Committee Reported that they had attended to the duties Assigned them in part and ask leave to be discharged from any further duty
Voted to accept their Report

" 5th For County Register of Deeds the whole number of ballots brought in were eighty nine and were for the following persons to wit

Ephraim B. Patch of Lowell had forty six votes	46
Thomas A. Beard of Lowell had two votes	2
J. W. Alden of Cambridgeport had fifteen "	15
Reuben Moore of Concord had five "	5
Caleb Hayden of Cambridge twentyone "	21

On motion Voted to adjourn

A True Record Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting. November 24th 184

Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Bedford qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday the 24th day of Novm A.D. 1845 at one O.Clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent this Town in the next General Court to be holden in Boston on the first wednesday of January next — Polls open at 1st O.Clock

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the Meeting Houses in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time of holding said meeting

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
Jona Bacon } of Bedford

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex ss

Bedford November 15th 1845

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting attested Copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Thomas Stiles } Constable of Bedford

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and notice the Inhabitants of Bedford met, and a motion was made to adjourn, voted in the affirmative 18 and in the negative 6 the meeting was declared to be adjourned by the Chairman of the Selectmen

A True Record attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting December 8th 1845

Middlesex SS To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Bedford qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday the 8th day of December next A.D. 1845 at one O'clock P.M. for the purpose of bringing in their votes for a register of deeds for said County of Middlesex for the residue of the term for which William F. Stone Esqr. the former Register was elected and until another shall be chosen and qualified in his stead,

First to Choose a Moderator for said meeting,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meeting Houses in said town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting,

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting

Amos Hartwell } Selectmen
John P. Reed } of
Jona. Bacon } Bedford

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex ss Bedford November 26th 1845

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Thomas Stiles } Constable of Bedford

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Town Meeting December 8th 1845

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted upon the following subjects contained in the warrant

1st Chose Phineas W. Chamberlain Moderator

2 For County Register of Deeds the whole number of ballots brought in were fifty five and were for the following persons to wit

Ephraim B. Patch of Lowell	had	31	votes
Caleb Hayden of Cambridge	"	23	"
Reuben S. Moore of Concord	"	1	"

On Motion,
Voted to adjourn

A True Record, Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting January 5th 1846

Middlesex ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford

Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Bedford qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the fifth day of January next A.D. 1846 at One O'Clock P.M.

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County of Middlesex for the residue of the term for which William F. Stone Esq. the former register was Elected and untill another shall be chosen and qualified in his stead -

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up Attested Copies thereof at each of the Meeting Houses in said Town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said Meeting

Given under our hands this 27th Day of Decm 1845

Jehiel P. Reed (Selectmen
Jona Bacon (of
Bedford

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Middlesex ss
Bedford January 5th 1846
Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting Attested Copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses nine days before the time of holding this meeting
Thomas Stiles (Constable of Bedford

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles (Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted upon the following subjects contained in the warrant

1st Chose Jonathan Bacon Moderator

2 For County Register of Deeds the whole number ballots rec'd in were fifty five and were for the following Persons to wit

Ephraim B. Patch of Lowell had	39	ballots
Caleb Hayden of Cambridge had	7	"
Nathanl R. Whiting Jr of " "	9	"

on Motion
Voted to adjourn

A True Record Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 2 1846

Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are ~~directed~~ hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the second day of March next at nine O'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz

Article 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting
" 2d To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year

" 3d To bring in their votes for a County Register of Deeds
" 4th To Choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing
" 5 To direct the manner of repairing the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year

" 6 To raise money for repairing the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year

" 7 To see if the town will restrain neat Cattle and Horses from running at large on the Common lands and Highways the year ensuing

" 8 To hear a report of the Selectmen of the expenses of the Town
" 9 To hear a report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town nine days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands at Bedford this seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six

A true Copy attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Amos Hartwell
John P. Reed
Jona Bacon
Selectmen of Bedford

Town Meeting March 2d 1846

Middlesex ss. Bedford March 2d 1846
Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by Posting attested Copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in Bedford nine days before the time of holding this meeting

Thomas Stiles { Constable of Bedford

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted uppon the several articles contained in said Warrant as follows to wit

1st For Moderator Whole number of votes 40

Rev. George W. Woodward had 34 & was Chosen

2d For County Treasurer the whole number of ballots 106
which being Counted by the Moderator and town Clerk were for the following Persons
Stedman Buttrick of Concord had one hundred and two ballots 102
Jonathan Bacon of Bedford had two ballots 2
Nathan R. Whitney of Cambridge had two " 2

3 For County Register of Deeds Whole number of ballots were one hundred and thirty nine and were for 139 the following Persons to wit.

Ephraim B. Patch of Lowell had one hundred ballots 100

Nathan R. Whitney of Cambridge had twelve ballots 12

Caleb Hayden of Cambridge had twenty seven ballots 27

4th For Town Clerk Whole number of ballots 150
Town Clerk

Thomas Stiles had one hundred and nine and is Chosen and Sworn by Phineas W. Chamberlain justice of Peace

First Selectman Whole number of ballots 129

Amos Hartwell had one hundred and thirteen and is Chosen

Town Meeting March 2d 1846

Second Selectman Whole number of ballots 136

John P. Reed had one hundred and twenty five and is Chosen

Third Selectman Whole number of ballots 105

Jonathan Bacon had eighty nine and is Chosen

on motion voted that the Town will Omit Choosing Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Amos Hartwell
John P. Reed
Jonathan Bacon Personally appeared and made Oath that as Selectmen of the Town of Bedford they would faithfully and impartially perform their duty respecting all Elections & the returns thereof before Phineas W. Chamberlain Esq
Justice of the Peace

The Selectmen as aforesaid were duly sworn as Assessors

For Town Treasurer Whole number of ballots 112

Isaac P. Bacon had eighty one and is Chosen and Sworn

Constables — Joseph Phelps &
Thomas Stiles Chosen & Sworn

Collector of Taxes Chose William Clark Sworn and agrees to perform that service for fifteen Dollars and fifty cents $15,50 to be collected in the same manner as last year — see Old Book 174 & 5 & this Book Page 5 & 198

Fence viewers Nathan O. Cutler Eldridge Merriam
Michael Crosby Oliver W. Lane Eleazer P. Davis
Sworn

Surveyors of Highways Samuel Stage Joseph Phelps
Abner S. Lane Nathan O. Reed Oliver W. Lane
Edwin Shelton. Moses Brown Francis
Wilson Obed Stearns Stephen Hooker

Measurers of Wood & Bark. Thomas Stiles James Monroe
Oliver W. Lane Cyrus Page Eleazer P. Davis
Jonathan Bacon Sworn. Seth Whitford

March Meeting Continued

Field Drivers Samuel Sage sworn
John C. Bacon "
Asa Mead Jr "
Benjamin A. Webber "
Justus P. Hastings "
Nathan C. Reed

Fire Wards Daniel Twiss
Joseph Phelps
Isaac P. Bacon

Tything Men Oliver B. Lane
Isaac P. Bacon
Thomas Stiles
Edward Flint
Warren Bacon

Surveyors of Lumber William Proctor
William D. Reed
Nathan Fitch
Francis Wilson
Nathanl C. Cutter
Amos B. Cutter

Pound Keeper Joseph Phelps

Hogreeves Eliab B. Lane
Samuel Cutter
Joseph Litchfield
Wm. C. Pillsbury
Joseph Goodwin
Elias Melton
Thomas Goodwin
John W. Simonds
Lorenzo Stevens
Charles E. Manning
Lorenzo Phelps
Isaac P. Watts
Sewell Parkhurst

Daniel Twiss
Wm. S. Cuming
Town Clerk

March Meeting Continued,

6th Voted to raise five hundred Dollars to be laid out in the usual way in Repairing the Roads & Bridges the ensuing year fifty Dollars to be laid out on the Bridges if necessary

5th Voted to proceed in the same manner as last year in repairing the Roads & Bridges the ensuing year

7th Voted to restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at large on the common lands & highways the ensuing year

8th Voted to accept a Report of the Selectmen on the financial affairs of the Town as submitted by them with each Item of receipts and expenditure in a printed form

9th Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards as presented by them

The following Resolve was offered. Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to examine the present condition of the Books of Record and other papers belonging to the History of the municipal affairs of the Town and report what alterations (if any) are necessary for the better security and safer keeping of the same at the next April Meeting

Chose John M. Simonds
Hon Reuben Bacon
" Phineas W. Chamberlain Esqr
Committee

On Motion voted to adjourn

A True Record Attest

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Dog Law Passed April 3d 1848

Upon the subject of the ninth Article in the warrant for this meeting it is hereby ordered that every Dog owned or kept within the limits of this town shall be restrained from going at large except as in accordance with the regulations and restrictions following to wit.

Section 1st Any person may by application made in writing to the town treasurer for the time being containing a description of the Dog and signed by the applicant receive a certificate of license to keep or own the same at large by paying into the treasury for the use of the town the sum of one Dollar annually in the month of May for each Dog so licensed and he shall cause to be constantly kept around the neck of such Dog a collar with the name and place of residence of such owner or keeper legibly marked on the same

SEC 2d Every owner or keeper having a license to keep or own any dog at large shall forfeit to any person injured by such dog double the amount of damage sustained by him to be recovered in an action of trespass in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth

SEC 3d If any person shall own or keep any dog within the limits of this town going at large contrary to the regulations and restrictions contained in the first & second section section of this by law of this town such owner or keeper shall forfeit the sum of ten Dollars to the use of the town to be recovered in an action of debt or damage upon complaint made in writing setting forth the facts and the name of such owner or keeper together with a description of the dog before any Magistrate competent to try the same and any person entering such complaint so recovered may receive one dollar for each

Complaint or any person may kill any dog going at large that is owned or kept within the limits of this town without license as aforesaid,

SEC 4th The town Treasurer for the time being shall keep a record of the applications made to him for such license and the amount of money received and report the same to the Town at the Annual meeting in March of each succeeding year,

SEC 5th This by law shall take effect from and after the first day of May 1848

A true Copy Attest

Thomas Stites Town Clerk

A list of Persons liable to do military duty in the town of Bedford May 1st 1849

Abner B. Lane
Charles Carter
R. W. Edwards
T. F. Ryan
T. B. Ryan
Stephen Haynes Jr
John Peters
Luther B. Butter
Jonas Pulman
Wm Butter
E. A. Hartwell
Woodward Brown
J. O. Stearns
Seth Whitford
Thomas J. Farmer
John E. Merriam
Hiram Clark
James Munroe
Nathan O. Reed
William Parker
Ephraim Collins
Thomas Coleman
Levi C. Teel
E. P. Davis
Wm Clark
Robert Burres
Geo. Davis
B. J. Davis
Charles E. Walker
Andrew Davis
Aaron Emerson
Constantine Hill
John Palio
John P. Reed
Wm H. Ropes
Justus P. Hastings
Joshua Fulshaw
Hiram L. Dutton
Hiram A. Farmer
Earl C. White
J. S. Quimby
T. H. Davis

Josiah Barnard
John Gragg
David Lathe
Wm A Lane
Miranda Dutton
Henry Goodwin
Wm Goodwin
Saml Sage Jr
Moses G. Abbott
Daniel B. Piper
William Emmett
William A. Stearns
W. H. Wilson
J. M. Pushee
A. T. Bacon
Charles Spalding
George Simonds
J. L. D. Billings
Edward Minott
Hiram Lane
H. H. Staples
John K. Proctor
C. P. Robbins
Elijah W. Stearns
A. B. Cutler
Daniel Twiss
Lewis P. Gleason
John W. Simonds
David Hill
Silas Brooks
Abel Flint
Joseph Litchfield
Wm A. Putnam
Chas Wigglesworth
Josiah Q. Gragg
Samuel Parkhurst
Wm H. Cooper
Isaac L. Watts
Wm Proctor
J. P. Hayward
E. H. Butterfield
Joseph Fitch

Wm J. Frost
C. C. Gragg
Sylvanus Lawrence
Elbridge Jones
C. C. Corey
Rodney Carter
G. F. Sanderson
Michael Conel
Nathan Fitch
Joseph Skinner
Wm Richardson
A. D. Farmer
C. W. Hanscomb
Geo. Wing
John Bates
Wm Ashby
Chas Robinson
M. F. Brown
Wm Leonard
G. H. Smith
C. H. Ellis
C. P. Johnson
Henry Hosmer
N. P. Watts
Marcus B. Webber
Reuben Bacon Jr
Loring S. Smith
Curtis Stearns,
Sidney Butterfield
Wm Bradley
Elbridge Jones

Joel Mansfield
N. C. Cutler
Oliver J. Lane
Albert Cutler
Saml Wyman
Danl H. Butters
John Clark
Leander Clark
Edward Flint
John R. Cutting
Edward Sadon
Saml Taylor
Albert Fitch
J. C. Cutler
Willard Wilson
John C. Bacon
Merrill Whitcomb
A. G. Rice
M. W. Rice
J. B. Hodgman
Elbridge Hartwell
Hiram Weeks
Cyrus Hapgood
Coats Bulfinch
Geo. Sampson
A. S. Willard
Alexr Willard
Moses Page 2d
C. F. Crosby
Elias Skelton
Isaac P. Bacon

Thomas Stiles
Isaac P. Bacon } Assessors of Bedford
Benjamin J Davis

A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

The following is a list of Militia Soldiers in the town of [illegible] taken by us the Assessors of said town

[illegible]
Charles J. Teel
Albert S. Teel
William [illegible]
[illegible]
Nathan O. Rice
William Clark
Abner B. Lane
Benjn. J. Davis
Geo. Davis
Thomas G. Butters
Stephen Haynes
Henry French
Robert W. Edwards
Jonas Putnam
Joseph [illegible]
Amos C. Stearns
John E. [illegible]
Hiram Clark
Charles Carter
Moses Page 2d
Albion L. Willard
Joseph M. [illegible]
George Lane
Henry Goodwin
William A. Lane
[illegible]
John Dowell
Richard Blinn
William Richardson
George A. Sampson
John Bates
Charles Smith
Charles Wood
[illegible] Saunders
Quincy Dean
Charles Dean
Timothy Dean
George P. Leonard
[illegible]
Levi A. Webber

George C. Webber
Reuben A. Lane
Daniel Page
William Page
John Hendale
Lewis Coburn
Charles H. Handscomb
Abner D. Farnum
Henry H. Staples
Grove [illegible]
[illegible] Skinner
Elijah Brown
Nathan [illegible]
Justus P. Hastings
Joshua Jackson
John O. Brown
[illegible] Whitcomb
Elias Shelton
William Proctor
Henry Hosmer
Daniel Hill
Joseph Litchfield
John R. [illegible]
Albert Buttrick
Constantine Hill
John [illegible]
George H. Smith
Moses H. Brown
John Peters
Sidney Carter
Hiram L. Dutton
Wm. H. Hopes
John P. Reed
James S. Quimby
Jacob Bryant
Hiram A. Farmer
Thaddeus H. Davis
Loring Smith
Job B. Lane
Thomas C. Boardman
James M. Parker

Ephraim Jones
Seth Whitford
William A. Stearns
Hiram Weeks
Daniel H. Butters
Albert Fitch
Curtis Stearns
William Goodwin
George Cutler
Cyrus Hapgood
John A. Merriam
Edward Flint
Abel Flint
Silas Brooks
Benjn G. Hosmer
Charles P. Robbins
Charles Robinson
Obediah P. Johnson
Isaac L. Watts
Nathanl P. Watts
Albert W. Bacon,
Charles E. Manning
Daniel Twiss
Charles C. Corey
John D. Billings
Thomas Stiles
George Simonds
Sylvester H. Abbott
Joseph W. Butterfield
Amos B. Cutler
Willard H. Wilson
Willard Wilson
William A. Reed

Oliver J. Lane
Albert Cutler
Edward Bacon
Joseph Goodwin
John R. Cutting
Lyman Cole
Christopher W. Morse
Daniel B. Piper
Samuel Sage
Wm G. Everett
Elbridge Jones
Abel L. Monroe
Thomas J. Hosmer
Jacob W. [illegible]
Joseph Fitch
William J. Hunt
Eldridge [illegible]
John Butterfield
John G. Boynton
Nathanl Cutler
Wm A. Putnam
George Cutler
Reuben Bacon
Jonas P. Hayward
John H. Hanscom
Charles W. Butterfield
Sylvanus Lawrence
Charles C. Pease
Sewell Parkhurst
George Smith
Daniel Constantine
John Willis

Bedford May 25th 1850

John P. Reed
Amos Hartwell
Reuben Bacon
Eleazer P. Davis
} Assessors of Bedford

A true Copy
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

The following is a List of Persons in residence liable to do Military Duty. May 1st 1857

Joel Mansfield
J. F. Boynton
Abel D. Adams
John A. Merriam
Eldridge Merriam
Hiram Farmer
C. M. Butterfield
Jonas P. Hayward
Isaac Hartwell
Lowell Parkhurst
Leander Clark
Benj. G. Hosmer
Sylvanus Lawrence
John R. Cotting
John O. Bacon
Merrill Whitcomb
Edward Bacon
Elijah W. Stearns
Abel S. Monroe
Elbridge Jones
Amos B. Cutler
William A. Putnam
George W. Cutler
Daniel Constantine
Silas Brooks
Henry Hosmer
Wm A. Hosmer
Wm Proctor
James Monroe
George Conant
Lyman Cole
C. M. Morse
H. A. Gleason
Isaac L. Watts
Joseph H. Goodwin
Nathl C. Cutler
Charles C. Corey
Thomas Stiles
Edward F. Corey
Chas Davenport
Saml Page Jr
William D. Everett

Geo. W. Lane
Wm A. Stearns
Albert F. Bacon
Isaac P. Bacon
Nathanl P. Watts
C. P. Johnson
Moses F. Brown
Geo. H. Smith
Chas Robinson
Luther B. Butler
Oliver J. Lane
Albert Cutler
William Goodwin
Henry Woods
Hiram Weeks
Joseph Hallyman
Cyrus Hapgood
Seth Whitford
Charles O. Gragg
Charles O. Gragg
Geo. Simonds
J. M. Butterfield
Saml Wyman
John Clark
Joseph Litchfield
Joseph Fitch
John Butterfield
Lewis Spalding
Hiram Clark
Chas Carter
Loammi Saunders
R. Turner Bryant
Jonas Putnam
Wm Parker
H. R. Howard
Ebenr Colman
Nathan O. Reed
Josiah Davis
Saml Davis
A. B. Lane
Saml Wright
William Clark

Stephen Haynes
William W. Butler
Robert W. Edwards
John E. Merriam
Aaron Felt
Norman Wead
Henry Goodwin
J. P. S. Lane
Wm. F. Lane
Geo. W. Gragg
Loring Smith
John Gragg
Josiah M. Barnard
Hiram L. Dutton
Loring Bryant
Nathan Bryant
Joshua Jackson
Justus P. Hastings
Constantine Hill
John Page
William S. Heard
Moses Page 2d
Albion S. Willard
Geo. P. Leonard

Geo. F. Sanderson
John Bates
Chas. W. Hanscomb
William Taylor
Charles W. Dean
Henry H. Staples
Abner D. Farnum
Elijah Skelton Jr.
Elijah Brown
Joseph Skinner
Wm. F. Frost
Thos. G. Butters
Curtis Stearns
Thomas B. Hosmer
Charles P. Robbins
Willard H. Wilson
John Willis

John P. Reed } Assessors
Reuben Bacon } of
Saml. Page Jr. } Bedford

A true Copy Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

The following is a list of all the persons residing in the town of Bedford on the first day of May 1852 liable to do Military duty

Charles W. Hunt
Isaac P. Bacon
William F. Bacon
Henry A. Gleason
Marcus D. Wilber
A. F. Johnson
J. L. Watts
Nathanl P. Watts
Charles Robinson
J. M. Fisher
Thos Stiles
Joseph H. Goodwin
William G. Reed
Oliver J. Lane
G. J. Butter
John Clark
Saml Taylor
Henry Wood
Seth Whitford
Cyrus Hapgood
Oliver Chute
William Goodwin
Luther S. Butter
Edward Bacon
Thomas S. Hosmer
Daniel H. Butters
Levi Wilber
Moses F. Brown
William Simonds
Wm W. Butter
Geo. W. Smith
C. M. Butterfield
J. F. Blinn
John Butterfield
J. Y. Boynton
Joel Mansfield
Joseph Fitch
Charles C. Grage
J. C. Hubbard
N. C. Cutter
Reuben Bacon jr

Richard Blinn
Wm Blinn
Silas Brooks
Charles L. Flint
Benj C. Hosmer
Otis Bacon
James Munroe
Elias Shelton
William Proctor
Henry Hosmer
Saml Parkhurst
George Cutter
James C. Brutwell
John Proctor
Lyman Cole
Christopher McMoise
Lewis Spalding
Elbridge G. Hall
Edward Merritt
Samuel Sage jr
Wm A. Stearns
Daniel Tufts
John Willis
Elbridge Hartwell
Wm D. Everett
George Lane
Chas J. Monroe
Warren Butters
Elijah W. Stearns
George Simonds
J. M. Butterfield
Elbridge James
Wm K. Frost
Albert Y. Bacon
Chas Carter
Hiram Clark
Thomas G. Butters
Augustus Adams
Jonas Putnam
Geo. P. Leonards
Wm A. Hosmer

Stephen Haynes
Robert W. Edwards
B. J. Davis
Saml Davis
Nathan O. Reed
A. J. Haynes
William Parker
John J. Todkin
Levi E. Teel
Danl Spofford
Henry Goodwin
Joseph Skinner
Moses Page Jr
Charles P. Robbins
William A Putnam

Charles W. Dean
Curtis White
Elijah Shelton
John Pate
Hiram L. Dutton
Hiram P. Barker
Wm C. Milliken
Job B. Lane
William A Lane
Loring Smith
Casper Goldsman
Justus P. Hastings
Joshua Jackson
Charles C. Corey
Charles E. Gleason

Bedford May 27th 1852
Isaac P. Bacon
John P. Reed
Eleazer P. Davis
Assessors of Bedford

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The following is a list of the Persons liable to do military duty in the town of Bedford May 26th 1853

Charles W. Lent
Henry A Gleason
Marcus B. Webber
Obediah P. Johnson
Edwin A Johnson
Nathanl P. Watts
Isaac L. Watts
Joseph H. Goodwin
Thomas Stiles
William G. Reed
John H. Clark
Merrill Whitcomb
Henry Ward
John Willis
Cyrus Hapgood
Hiram A. Farmer
Edward Bacon

Lyman Cole
Daniel H. Butters
John Blinn
Albert Buttrick
Nathanl C Cutler
Saml Wyman
Luther B. Butters
Joel Mansfield
J. T. Baynton
Charles L. Flint
Lewis Spalding
Eldridge Hartwell
William Merriam
B. G. Hosmer
John Butterfield
Reuben Bacon Jr
John O. Bacon

William Goodwin
James Monroe
Thomas B. Hosmer
Seth Whitford
Oliver J. Lane
Henry C. Campbell
O. M. Moore
John R. Rector
Charles C. Corey
George Isaac
Amos B. Cutler
James Hartwell
George W. Cutler
William Willis
William H. Blinn
Valentine Wilson
Nathan Blinn
Whiting Hayward
George W. Gage
Samuel Gage Jr
George W. Lane
Elijah W. Stearns
George Simonds
Joseph W. Pettingill
Daniel Twiss
Levi W. Webber
John Peters
S. T. Butler
George H. Smith
Albert T. Bacon
William A. Putnam
Samuel Pritchard
Justus P. Hastings
Darwin Griffiths
Benjamin F. Davis
Charles H. Johnson
Stephen Haynes

Hiram L. Sutton
Job B. Lane
William A. Lane
Henry Goodwin
Hiram P. Barker
John B. Butters
Casper Gelderman
Constantine Heile
John Page
Henry A. Goodwin
Moses Page 2d
Michael Crosby
Abel F. Farrar
James Emery
Charles W. Deane
Elijah Brown
Joseph Skinner
Amos Parker Jr
Charles Carter
Curtis White
Hiram Clark
Levi A. Houghton
Augustus Adams
William G. Hartwell
Josiah Conant
Samuel A. Osgood
Jonas Putnam
William H. Frost
Thomas G. Butters
Robert W. Edwards
Elisha Page
William Parker
Henry W. Kelly
Nathan A. Reed
Samuel Davis
William Clark Jr
Levi C. Teel

Isaac P. Bacon } Assessors
Elbridge W. Stearns } of
E. P. Davis } Bedford

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The following is a list of the Military Soldiers in [illegible] Bedford May 15th 1854

Jerome A. Bacon
Charles C. Gragg
John H. Clark
Edward Bacon
William D. Reed
Lyman Cole
Joseph H. Goodwin
George Simonds
J. M. Butterfield
Whiting Rexford
Clark Rexford
William H. Blynn
George W. Cutler
Charles P. Robbins
Samuel Sage Jr.
George W. [illegible]
James C. Buttrick
Luther B. Butter
Marcus B. Webber
George Isaac
Isaac L. Watts
Thomas G. Butter
Christopher M. Moorse
Charles W. Lunt
N. P. Watts
Edwin A. Johnson
Charles Robinson
Moses F. Brown
Wm P. Simonds
George H. Smith
Edwin Hartwell
Henry Goodwin
William A. Lane
J. B. Lane
Hiram P. Barker
Hiram L. Dutton
Constantine Hale
Joshua Jackson
Joel Mansfield
Oliver J. Lane
Charles C. Corey

Thomas Stiles
R. W. Edwards
Stephen Haynes Jr.
Nathan O. Reed
Albert Sanderson
Saml Davis
Lewis Spalding
Joseph Skinner
Albert Buttrick
John F. Blynn
Daniel H. Butter
John Butterfield
Thomas Butter
Reuben Bacon Jr.
Horace Hosmer
Eldridge Hartwell
Henry Wood
Levi W. Webber
Cyrus A. Adams
Jonas Putnam
John F. Boynton
Hiram Clark
William A. Putnam
O. P. Johnson
B. F. Davis
Wm F. Bacon
James M. Pushee
James Munroe
Thomas B. Hosmer
John C. Bacon
Hiram A. Hosmer
Charles L. Flint
Joseph Litchfield
Wm H. Butter
Merrill Whitcomb
George W. Gragg
George Morse
Alfred P. Johnson
John Peters
J. P. Hastings
James Emery

W. B. S. Higgins
Danl Twiss
Elijah W. Stearns
William A. Stearns
Joseph H. Davis
John S. Harris
William Goodwin
George Morse
N. C. Balcomb

Cyrus Page }
Charles M. Butterfield } Assessors of Bedford
Oliver J. Lane }

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The following is a list of all the persons residing in the town of Bedford on the first day of May 1855 liable to do military duty

Joseph Simonds
Elijah Skelton
Josiah D. Gragg
Wm Hartwell
Abner B. Lane
Joel Mansfield
William A. Lane
Oliver J. Lane
Job B. Lane
Henry Goodwin
Hiram P. Barker
Franklin S. Bacon
Quincy Dean
John Page
George H. Smith
Moses F. Brown
John Willis
Henry Wood
Josiah A. Bacon
Hiram S. Dutton
Joshua Jackson
Justus P. Hastings
Constantine Hill
C. C. Hodgman
C. C. Gibbs
John H. Clark
Edward Bacon

Daniel H. Butters
~~Edward Bacon~~
Edward A. Johnson
Obediah P. Johnson
N. P. Watts
Aaron Felt
Hiram Cornhill
Wm G. Reed
Charles H. Johnson
Daniel Twist
Valentine Wilson
Thomas Stiles
David Constantine
Junie Woodland
N. C. Balcomb
Michael Crosby
George P. Lenards
Nathan Fitch
Alexander Kendrick
Merrill Whitcomb
Hiram A. Farmer
Jonas Putnam
Joel Reed
William Hartwell
Hiram Clark
William Munroe
Gates Wood

John Butterfield
Charles W. Lunt
John Peters
Charles Wilkinson
Nathanl Butters
Joseph H. Goodwin
Levi W. Webber
William M. Ashby
John Y. Boynton
James Monroe
James C. Butrick
G. W. Cutler
C. M. Butterfield
William Goodwin
Elbridge Hartwell
John Sanborn
Samuel Wyman
Henry Hosmer
Charles P. Robbins
William Willis
George Monroe
Samuel Sage jr
Eleazer P. Davis jr
Nathan O. Reed
Reuben [illegible]
William [illegible]
Stephen Haynes jr
Robert W. Edwards
Elijah W. Stearns
Albert Buttrick
Charles W. Webber
Lyman Cole
Christopher W. Muse
Horace Hosmer
Joseph H. Litchfield

Lewis Spalding
William F. Gragg
William Gragg
George Gragg
Isaac L. Watts
Henry A. Gleason
Marcus B. Webber
Charles C. Corey
John R. Proctor
Luther B. Butters
William A. Putnam
Thomas S. Hosmer
John O. Bacon
Silas Brooks
Charles L. Flint
Reuben Bacon jr
William Piper
Joseph W. Butterfield
William A. Stearns
William H. Blinn
Thomas G. Butters
Everett Mason
B. J. Davis
Saml Davis
Elbridge Jones
George Phillips
William W. Butters
William Hastings
Emerson S. Cutler
Isaac P. Bacon
Frederick S. Wilson
Charles Whitford
Benjamin G. Hosmer
William H. Hurst

Thomas Stiles, } Assessors
P. W. Chamberlin } of
Charles Spalding } Bedford

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The following is a list of the Persons liable to do Military duty in the town of Bedford May 1st 1856

Thos G. Butters
Wm N. Hastings
Joseph Hastings
Otis Gant
Elbridge Jones
Michael Gannon
Nathanl W. Hastings
Nathan O. Reed
Reuben B. Miller
George Phillips
Edwin Hosmer
Charles H. Spalding
Robert W. Edwards
Stephen Haynes Jr
Joel Reed
Newell Reed
Jonas Putnam
Michael McDonough
Wm G. Wallace
Hannibal Bond
Wm W. Eldridge
Hiram Clark
Joseph Lawrence
Wm Hare
A. W. Kendrick
John E. Sanborn
David Tierney
Martin Cushing
Michael Crosby
Joseph Skinner
H. L. Gurney
O. N. Cane
John L. Peters
Geo. H. Smith
Wm R. Simonds
Constantine Hill
George W. Lane
Joshua Jackson
Hiram L. Dutton
Job B. Lane
Abner B. Lane

William H. Blinn
Lewis Spalding
Wm A. Lane Jr
Asaph Mansfield
Joel Mansfield
Saml Sage Jr
George H. Munroe
E. B. Cutter
C. P. Robbins
C. H. Johnson
L. B. Butters
Henry Goodwin
Edward Merritt
Joseph M. Butterfield
Charles W. Webber
Merrill Whitcomb
Daniel Faxon
George Isaac
M. B. Webber
John H. Gleason
Henry A. Gleason
Daniel Tripp
Thomas Stiles
Isaac L. Watts
L. W. Webber
Wm F. Frost
Lyman Cole
John R. Foster
Silas Brooks
C. L. Flint
B. G. Hosmer
J. H. Goodwin
Joseph Litchfield
John O. Bacon
Thos B. Hosmer
Henry Hosmer
Wm A. Putnam
Isaac P. Conning
Charles E. Hosmer
O. J. Lane
J. C. Bertwell

Nathan^l P. Watt,
Edmund F. Hoar
Edward F. Hoar
Edwin F. Johnson
Alfred P. Johnson
Charles Robinson
Moses F. Brown
Otis Hodgman
Henry Wood
William Goodwin
John Clark
Jerome A. Bacon
Charles C. Gragg
Fredk L. Wilson
William D. Reed
Charles Dean

Daniel Reed
S. L. Lane
Charles C. Corey
Wm F. Gragg
Hiram A. Farmer
Wm M. Ashby
Gaton Wood
Eldridge Hartwell
Wm Williams
John Butterfield
J. T. Boynton
Reuben Bacon Jr
Saml Wyman
Wm C. Willis
Isaac Fitch

Isaac P. Bacon } Assessors
Oliver J. Lane } of Bedford

Bedford July 15th 1856

A true Copy Attest
Thomas Miles Town Clerk

A list of the names of Persons liable to do Military duty in the Town of Bedford in the year 1857

Jerome A Bacon
James A Thayer
John Butterfield
Charles P. Page
C. C. Cone
Lyman Cutler
William Goodwin
Wm D. Reed
Henry Wood
Daniel Reed
Saml L. Lane
C. B. Lane
Elisha Payne
F. L. Wilson

Charles C. Gragg
Marcus B. Webber
John F. Gleason
Charles W. Webber
John R. Proctor
Lyman Cole
Joseph Lawrence
L. W. Webber
H. A. Putnam
Thomas B. Hosmer
Gaton C. Woods
Charles L. Flint
Henry A Bacon
Wm F. Frost

List of Military Soldiers 1857

Samuel Wyman
Reuben Bacon Jr.
John F. Boynton
Jacob N. Osgood
William M. Ashby
N. L. Watts
E. A. Johnson
A. P. Johnson
M. R. Johnson
V. P. Watts
C. W. Hunt
J. C. Bucknell
John Clark
J. G. Butters
Samuel Davis
Edwin Hosmer
Stephen Haynes
John A. Whorf
R. B. Miller
John Clark
Nathanl Hastings
Elbridge Jones
Otis J. Grant
Otis Grant
Newell Reed
Wm G. Hartwell
Hamble Bond
Wm W. Mudge
Charles G. Kenrick
L. D. Horton
Warren Spalding
A. W. Kendrick
Charles Dean
Charles Robinson

Daniel Twomey
Joseph Skinner
Charles H. Brown
Quincy Dean
Samuel Gage Jr.
Wm H. Durant
James E. Monroe
Wm H. Blinn
G. W. Monroe
Edmund F. Litchfield
Joseph H. Goodwin
C. P. Robbins
L. B. Butters
Charles H. Johnson
George Barrot
Abias Hill
Walter F. Blake
Joel Mansfield
Asaph Mansfield
George Isaac
William L. Lane
Daniel H. Butters
Jab. B. Lane
Isaac Pinkham
H. P. Barker
Franklin S. Lebanon
H. L. Dutton
Joshua Jackson
George W. Lane
George H. Smith
W. E. Brown
O. H. Hartwell
Martin Cushing
Moses F. Brooks

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List of Military Soldiers 1855

Warren Spalding
George Cory
Joseph Young
Rufus Hyde
George W. Shaw
Charles O Rand
Joseph Skinner
Stephen Kendrick
Josiah B. Gleason
William M. Ashby
William Goodhue
Charles P. Page
D. T. Hyde
O. V. Cone
Moses F. Brown
Charles Robinson
James M. Parker
Isaac L. Watts
Nathanl P. Watts
E. A. Johnson
Lowell Reed
Albert Brown
William G Hartwell
Wright A Merriam
William [illegible]
C. Henry Hartwell
George M. Smith
Walter Cushing
William P Spencer
Nelson Ross
William E. [illegible]
George Dane.
[illegible]
George Brook
J. M. Butterworth
W. J. Lane
Daniel Tripp
James O. Berry
Justus P. Hastings
Joshua Jackson
Hiram L. Dutton
Hiram P. Barker
Eli B. Lane
Joseph P. Mansfield
William Lane

Levi Mansfield
John Clark
Daniel C. Hollis
Samuel Davis
Abel Fitch
William L. Parker
Otho Gant
Otho F. Gant
J. A. Whart
Stephen Haynes
L. M. Jackson
Edwin Hosmer
A. J. Haynes
James W. Draper
Abner Atwood
A. G. Butters
L. D. Horton
D. C. Horton
Wm F. Frost
John T. Baynton
Jacob N. Osgood
Reuben Bacon
J. A. Bacon
Charles C. Gragg
Wm D. Reed
Joseph Goodwin
Wm A. Putnam
Charles C. Corey
John R. Proctor
Henry Hosmer
Thomas B. Hosmer
Albert Buttrick
Joseph Dowmer
Isaac Pinkham
James A. Dugan
Henry Wood
William Taylor
Lyman Cole
Henry A. Bacon
David P. Reed
S. L. Lane
Elisha Pa
Leonard Cutter
James C. Burtwell
Wm Burtwell

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Charles H. Hunt
Charles Hosmer
John H. Clark
H. L. Wilson
Henry A Stearns
Orlando Bacon
Isaac C. Fitch
Levi W. Webber
Marcus B. Webber
John F. Gleason
Emerson B. Cutter
Josiah D. Gragg

Daniel H. Butters
J. E. Monroe
Saml Sage Jr
Wm H. Blynn
Charles H. Johnson
Wm H. Willis
Edward Litchfield
Walter F. Blake
Benjn G. Hosmer
Gorton C. Wood
John C. Bacon
Charles L. Flint
Charles Dean

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The following is a list of the persons liable to do military duty in the town of Bedford on the first day of May 1859

John Allen
Abner Atwood
Martin Bird
C. C. Balcom
M. F. Brown
Wm E. Brown
Hiram P. Barker
James C. Bulwich
Charles A Braden
F. G. Butters
Wm H. Blinn
Danl H. Butters
Walter F. Blake
Edwin H. Blake
Henry A Bacon
John F. Boynton
James D. Barry
Jerome A. Bacon
O. V. Cone
Martin Cushing
Henry W. Cutter
John H. Clark
Fredk A. Cutter
John Clark

Lyman Cole
Charles Dean
George F. Davis
Henry Fisher
Charles L. Flint
William F. Frost
Silas Fitch
Abel Fitch
Josiah B. Gleason
Wm Goodwin
Lewis P. Gleason Jr
Joseph H. Goodwin
John F. Gleason
Justus P Hastings
Howland W. Hollis
Edwin Hosmer
A. J. Haynes
William G. Hartwell
Jerome Hosmer
Chas E. Hosmer
Thos B. Hosmer
Henry Hosmer
Joseph Hosmer
Levi Hawkes

George Isaacs
Joshua Jackson
Marcus R. Johnson
Joseph Litchfield
George W. Lane
Samuel L. Lane
Job B. Lane
E. W. Lunt
Oliver J. Lane
Joseph B. Lawrence
Asaph. Mansfield
Joel Mansfield
Jonas E. Monroe
Albert Merriam
Asa M. Merriam
Charles P. Page
Harrison Baker
James M. Pushee
John R. Proctor
Wm A Putnam
Charles O. Rand
Charles Robinson

Charles P. Robbins
George W. Raddin
Wm G Reed
Daniel Reed,
Warren Spalding
George W. Smith
Henry A. Stearns
Saml Sage Jr
Wm P. Simonds
Merton Simonds
Daniel Swift
John Williams
John A. Wharf
Williams Williams
Isaac L. Watts
J. L. Wilson
N. P. Watts
Charles W. Webber
William H. Willis
Marcus B. Webber
Valentine Wilson
Henry Wood

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List of Military Soldiers 1860

The following is a list of Persons liable to do Military duty in the Town of Bedford for the year 1860.

Joshua Jackson
Joel Mansfield
William A. Lane
Oliver J. Lane
Job B. Lane
Samuel Sage
Edwin Hosmer
Stephen Haynes
John A. Whaif
Isaac L. Watts
William W. Mudge
Warren Spalding
Henry Wood
John T. Boynton
Nathanl. P. Watts
William A. Putnam
Henry Hosmer
Thomas B. Hosmer
Joseph Hosmer
Galen O. Wood
Joseph H. Goodwin
Jonas E. Monroe
William H. Blinn
Abner Atwood
Joshua Atwood
Josiah D. Gleason
Minot Merriam
Samuel Davis
Hannibal Pond
Giles H. Mayo
Andrew Johnson
Franklin Sumner
N. G. Hartwell
Harrison Nurse
Charles Dean
Joseph F. Richardson
Edwin A. Johnson
William Goodwin
Charles Robinson
Wm. M. Ashby

Marcus R. Johnson
Geo. H. Smith
William P. Simonds
Charles W. Sant
James M. Pusher
Charles W. Austin
Thomas G. Butters
Daniel H. Butters
John Payne
Charles H. Johnson
Charles H. Flint
Henry A. Bacon
Clark H. Cutler
Joseph Skinner
C. C. Corey
O. V. Cole
Daniel Griffs
Edward Merritt
George Isaac
Warren P. Locke
Daniel Reed
Saml. L. Lane
F. L. Wilson
Lyman Cole
John C. Bacon
Alfred Bloxsome
Valentine Wilson
Henry Goodwin
Henry W. Cutler
John F. Gleason
Charles W. Webber
Edward F. Litchfield
L. P. Gleason Jr.
William Merriam
Joseph Litchfield
R. W. Edwards
W. F. Frost
Moses F. Brown
Martin Bird

Bedford July 31st 1860
Isaac P. Bacon
Oliver J. Lane
Thaddeus H. Davis
Assessors of Bedford

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List of able bodied men liable to do Military duty in Bedford May 1st 1861

Franklin Sumner
Charles Dean
Stephen M. Kendrick
Amos M. Hunnewell
John Payne
Wm H. Hunnewell
Josiah B. Gleason
Wm H. Ashby
Florence Page
Martin Cushing
Martin Bird
Abner Atwood
Luke B. Folsom
George H. Mayo
Loring M. Jackson
Stephen Haynes jr
John A. Wharf
Samuel Osgood
J. E. Tucker
Isaac L. Watts
William G. Hartwell
Jeremiah Robinson
Hannibal Pond
William A. Lane
Oliver J. Lane
Job B. Lane
Lyman S. Read
Joshua Jackson
George W. Lane
Cyrus M. Williams
George H. Smith
Walter F. Blake
James E. Monroe
Wm A. Putnam
Charles P. Robbins
Andrew J. Hadley
Nehemiah L. Reed
Marcus S. Webber
O. F. Cone
Charles A. Corey

Samuel Sage
Daniel H. Battis
Wm H. Blinn
Samuel L. Lane
Peter Doyle
Frederick A. Cutler
Gaton C. Wood
Isaac E. Fitch
Almanzo Fitch
Henry Wood
Wm R. Mudge
Harrison Nourse
A. Minot Merriam
William A. Merriam
George H. Merriam
Adolph Mansfield
Joseph Litchfield
Valentine Wilson
John F. Boynton
Wm F. Frost
Moses F. Brown
Edwin A. Johnson
Marcus R. Johnson
Nathanl P. Watts
Henry W. Cutler
Charles W. Lunt
John F. Gleason
Lyman Cole
James Munroe
Joseph B. Lawrence
Charles L. Flint
Henry A. Bacon
Henry Hosmer
Edwin H. Blake
Elbridge Childs
Lewis P. Gleason
George Isaacs
Charles H. Webber
F. W. Foss
William P. Simonds

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Abner Atwood
John Clark
Levi B Folsom
Ira Hill
Samuel Davis
Thomas W Hill
George Mansfield
John Wharf
Stephen Haynes
Galen O Wood
Andrew J. Haynes.
Russell Walker
Isaac L. Watts
Albert J. Perry
Michael McDonough
William G. Hartwell
Hannibal Pond
Devereux Barker
George Barker
Patrick McDonough
Harry Nourse,
Herbert Merriam
Albert Merriam
William W. Mudge
Joshua Atwood
William A. Foster
Isaac Fitch
Charles Dean
John Nowell
John Payne
William M. Ashby
[illegible] Page
Martin Bird
George W. Conant
Warren Cutler
Albert Hartwell
Henry Hill
George H. Smith
Stephen H Wilson
Geo W. Lane
Thomas B. Hosmer.

Charles L. Wait
Joshua Jackson
Hiram Kramer
Willis Ross
Charles W. Pierce
Job B Lane
Oliver J. Lane
William A Lane
Joel Mansfield
Samuel C Sage
Joseph Lawrence
Charles Kelley
Almanzo Fitch
Thomas McNamara.
Quincy Dean
Jonathan Bacon
Sebastian Kramer
John C. Bacon
James Munroe
Amos W. Hill
Lyman Cole
Charles H. Johnson
Nathan P. Watts
Henry A. Gleason
William L. Atherton
Clark C. Cutler
Edwin H. Blake
Emerson B. Cutler
Edward Merritt 2
Charles W. Webber
Frederic Cutler
Jonas E. Monroe
Levi P. Gleason Jr
Charles L. Flint
Edward Brooks
John T. Boynton
Valentine Wilson
William F. Frost
George Merriam
Josiah L. Gragg
William P. Simonds
Henry A. Bacon
Elbridge Challis

Charles A Corey. Earl Johnson Kendrick.
John R Proctor Henry Wood
James M. Pusher

Isaac P. Bacon
Henry Wood } Assessors of Bedford
Samuel Sage

Bedford July 19th 1862.

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The following is a list of Persons liable to do Military duty in the town of Bedford May 1st 1863.

Warren Center
Stephen H. Wilson
George H. Smith
Henry Hill
George Hartwell
George W. Lane
Charles L. Wait
George Mansfield
Joshua Jackson
Frederick Davis
Oliver J. Lane
Job B. Lane
Joel Mansfield
William S. Atherton
Charles Jones
Peter Maguire
Lyman W. Cole
Henry W. Cutler
Amos W. Hill
Marcus D. Webber
Henry C. Smith
Samuel Sage
Jonas C. Monroe
Elbridge Challis
Thomas B. Hosmer
Henry A. Bacon
Josiah D. Gage
Joseph B. Lawrence
Henry Wood

Charles Hosmer
William J. Batt
R. W. Edwards 3 years man
John F. Gleason " " "
Martin Bird " " "
Florence Page " " "
William A. Edwards " " "
Marcus R. Johnson " " "
Frank Mansfield " " "
Levi B. Holborn
James Donilly
Russel Walker
D Donavan & Barker
Hannibal Pond
Joseph Fiske
William W. Mudge
William G. Hartwell
Valentine Wilson
George H. Merriam
William A. Foster
John Nowell 2
Isaac E. Fitch
William McC. Ashby
George H. Conant
Nathan'l P. Watts
Edwin H. Blake
Silas A. Wilson
Sam'l L. Lane
Frederick A. Cutler
over

William O. Willis Galen O. Wood 9 month men
William Blinn Isaac G. Watts " "
Charles A. Corey Emerson B. Cutler " "
Joshua Atwood William Merriam " "
Edward Brooks George F. Parker " "
William F. Frost Harrison Nourse " "
Joseph H. Goodwin James Munroe " "
William A. Houghton Charles W. Webber
Martin Cushing
Augustus Davis

Henry Wood } Assessors
Samuel Page } of Bedford

Bedford July 11th 1863

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The following is a list of Persons in the Town of Bedford liable to do Military duty in the Year 18

William M. Ashby William J. Batt
Henry A. Bacon Edwin H. Blake
William H. Blinn John O. Bacon
Jerome A. Bacon Moses F. Brown
John H. Brown Edwin M. Brooks
Jackson Bracket Fredrick A. Cutler
Elbridge Challies Charles A. Corey
Martin Cushing Emerson B. Cutler
George H. Conant Warren Curtis
Lyman Cole James Doherty
Charles W. Dean Albert A. Dean
Isaac E. Fitch Frank Frost
Levi B. Folsom John N. Frost
Amos W. Hill Amos N. Hunnewell
Thomas B. Hosmer George A. Hartwell
Joseph H Goodwin Josiah Q. Gragg
William H. H. Johnson Samuel L. Lane
William A. Lane Oliver J. Lane
George W. Lane Joseph B. Lawrence
Jonas E. Monroe Joel Mansfield
William W. Mudge William A. Merriam
John Nowell 2d Harry Nourse

Milton Nourse
Charles T. Peirce
Samuel Page
Henry C Smith
Marcus B. Webber
Silas N. Wilson
Henry Wood
Charles L. Wait
Charles W. Webber
William F. Stearns
George H. Dutton
Charles N. Jones.
Albert L Dutton

John Navell
Hannibal S. Pond
George H. Smith
Levi W. Webber
Valentine Wilson
Russell Walker
Layton O. Wood
Nath^l P. Watts
Isaac L. Watts
Fredrick Davis
George Hill
William W. Goodwin
Charles F Robinson

Henry Wood } Assessors
Samuel Page } of
Bedford

Bedford June 29" 1864

A true Copy attest
William A. Stearns Town Clerk

Bedford June 25th 1827.

David Fitch a Collector, of said Town, Charged with a County Town, and Minister tax, also with the arrears of a Highway tax dated May 12th 1826, being the sum of two thousand three hundred and thirty three dollars & thirty three cents. $ 2332 33

to collect and pay in as follows, viz.

	$	
To the County Treasurer, for the County of Middlesex	199	42
To the Treasurer of the Town of Bedford	2132	91

William Webber
Reuben Bacon } Assessors

1828 June 30th Joel Fitch a collector for the Town of Bedford, Charged with a County and Town & Minister tax, also with the arrears of a Highway tax dated

2490.49 May 28th 1827 being the sum of twenty four hundred & ninety dollars & forty nine ~~dollars~~ cents with a warrant in due form of law for collecting and paying in the same as follows. viz

To pay the County Treasurer one hundred ~~dollars~~ and Ninety Nine dollars & forty two cents	199	42
To pay the Town Treasurer twenty two hundred and Ninety one dollars & seven cents	2291.	07

William Webber
Reuben Bacon } Assessors
Amos Hartwell

1829 July 30th. John W. Hayward, a Collector for the Town of Bedford. Charged with a State, County, Town, & Minister tax, also with the arrears of a Highway tax dated May 16th

$ 2441,74 1828. amounting to two thousand four hundred & forty one dollars 74/100 with a warrant for collecting and paying in the same. viz.

To the State Treasurer	$ 84.	00
To the County Treasurer	174	50
To the Town Treasurer	2183	24

William Webber
Reuben Bacon } Assessors

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Bedford and Lincoln have on this 21st day of October A.D. 1861 met and perambulated the line between said Towns and find the Monuments standing at the angles and termini of said line to be in accordance with the Laws of this Commonwealth.

W. A. Stearns } Selectmen
Wm. M. Ashby } of Bedford

William F. Wheeler } Selectmen
Charles L. Tarbell } of Lincoln

A true Copy
attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the undersigned in behalf of the Towns of Bedford & Concord met on this twenty seventh day of November A.D. 1861 and perambulated the line between said Towns and found the bounds and Corners in the said line the same and in the same good order and condition as they were in the perambulation made in the year 1856 and to the satisfaction of both parties

Wm. M. Ashby } Selectmen of
Oliver J. Lane } Bedford

B. W. Hobson } Selectmen
Substitute { John B. Moore } of
D. H. Wood, } Concord

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

November 19th 1861.

The Selectmen of Lexington and of Bedford by their Agents, Charles Hudson and William A. Stearns met according to appointment. and after having a line run by Mr Page and approved measurement from the Monument at the corner of Bedford and Lincoln in Deacon Hartwells pasture to the Monument by a ditch Easterly of the house of Mr Calvin Nourse and a due calculation made, agreed upon the location of a Monument by the side of the road running by the house of Deacon Hartwell the Monument to stand upon the Northern side of the road and to be marked with the initials of the two Towns The line is understood to be straight between the two first named Monuments, Also a Monument by the road near the house next N.W. of Daniel Cummings.

W. A. Stearns } for the Town of Bedford

Charles Hudson } for the Town of Lexington

We the Subscribers hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the line between the Towns of Billerica & Bedford and find all the Stone monuments standing on said line according to law

Bedford Sep 23d 1864

Gardner Parker } Selectmen of
Wm. F. Gleason } Billerica

Wm. M. Ashby } Selectmen of
Oliver J. Lane } Bedford

A true Copy Attest
William A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Bedford Sep 29th 1864

This certifies that we have this day perambulated the line between the Towns of Bedford and Burlington and find all the bounds standing according to law

Wm M Ashley } Selectmen of
Oliver J Lane } Bedford

Nathan Blanchard } Selectmen of
Abner Shed } Burlington

A true Copy Attest
William A. Stearns Town Clerk

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Lincoln & Bedford have on this 25th day of November A.D. 1865 met and perambulated the line between said Towns and find the monuments standing at ~~said towns~~ the angles & at the termini of said line to be in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth

William F. Wheeler } Selectmen
George Flint } of Lincoln

William M Ashley } Selectmen
Oliver J Lane } of Bedford

Agreeably to notice given to the Town of Bedford by the Town of Lexington to meet at the House of Daniel Cummings on the 15th day of November A.D. 1865. for the purpose of running and perambulating the lines between the said Towns and renewing the marks & bounds; we the subscribers have met at the time and place for the aforesaid purposes and make the following return of our doings

Beginning at a long field stone near the House of said Cummings, standing on end at the Corner of Lexington, Burlington and Bedford; and marked L.B.B. We proceeded thence to a monument Easterly of the Cemetery in Bedford marked L.B. thence to a monument beside the old County road near the Page place marked L.B. thence to a Monument in the Meadow Easterly of the House of Mr Peirce standing by a ditch marked L.B. & thence to the corner of the Towns of Lincoln, Bedford and Lexington, the monument stands in the pasture some 50 rods S.E. of the House formerly occupied by Dea. Amos Hartwell & is marked L.L.B. these monuments were all properly marked & in good condition

Hammon Reed } Selectmen of
Eli Simonds } Lexington
William M. Ashley } Selectmen

In witness whereof we have mutually set our hands this 15th day of Nov. A.D. 1865

We the undersigned in behalf of the Town of Concord, & Bedford, have perambulated and run the dividing lines between the said Towns. And find the Stone Monuments marking the said dividing lines to be standing and in good order to the satisfaction of both parties

Lorin A. Surette } Selectmen
Geo. M. Broks } of Concord

Fairfield R. Davis } Selectmen
John T. Boynton } of Bedford

Sep 8th 1866

A true Copy Attest William A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Agreeable to a notice given to the town of Billerica & the town of Bedford, we the undersigned have met and perambulated the line between the aforesaid towns and find the monuments at the several angles and on the roads in good condition

Marcus B. Webber } Selectmen
Oliver J. Lane } of Bedford

Dudley Foster } Selectmen
J A Holsom } of Billerica

November 13th 1869-

A true Copy Attest William A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Agreeable to a notice given by the [illegible] of Bedford to the [illegible] of Burlington, we the undersigned, have this day met and perambulated the line between the aforesaid towns and find the monuments at the several angles, and on the roads in good condition.

John L. Boynton } Selectmen
[illegible] Lane } of Bedford

Jonathan Blanchard } Selectmen
Edward Reed } of Burlington

Dec. 10th 1869.

A true copy of Certificate
Attest W. A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Monday Nov 21st 1870

Charles Hudson. Selectmen of Lexington and C. W. Kingdall Agent of said Selectmen met John L. Boynton Selectman of Bedford and [illegible] near the house of the late Dea. Amos Hartwell in Bedford for the purpose of perambulating the town line commenced at a monument standing some 50 rods from said Hartwells house in a pasture on the southerly side of the road and being at [illegible] Bedford [illegible] marked L. L. & B. [illegible] to the [illegible] from Lexington to Bedford [illegible] monument; thence to a monument by the side of the road leading from the [illegible] bridge [illegible] to the county road from Lexington to Bedford; thence to a monument in the meadow by a ditch by the edge of the woods East of the house [illegible] thence to a monument beside [illegible] county road near the old [illegible] thence to a monument by the side [illegible]

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[illegible] from Lexington to Bedford; thence to a monument Easterly of the Cemetary in Bedford; thence to a monument by the road side near the house of Daniel Cummings; thence to a monument in the field Northeasterly of the house of said Cummings, being the corner of Lexington, Bedford and Burlington and marked L. B. & B. The monuments are in good condition and all but the first and last marked B. & L.

Charles Hudson } Selectmen
Oliver W. Kendall } Lexington

[illegible] J. Boynton } Selectmen
[illegible] } of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town

Agreeable to a notice given by the town of Billerica to the town of Bedford, we the undersigned met and perambulated the line between the aforesaid towns and found the Monuments at the several angles and on the roads in good condition

Wm S. Gleason } Selectmen of Billerica
J. P. Bacon, Henry Bacon } Selectmen of Bedford

Nov 10th 1874

A true Copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town

Agreeable to a notice given by the town of Bedford to the town of Burlington we the undersigned met and perambulated the lines between the aforesaid towns and find the Monuments at the several angles and on the roads in good condition and in accordance with the requirements of the law.

Edward Reed } Selectmen of Burlington
Isaac P. Bacon, Henry Bacon } Selectmen of Bedford
Nov 23 1874

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Bedford and Lincoln have on this 24th day of Nov. 1874 perambulated the line between said towns and find the monuments standing at the angles and termini of said lines to be in accordance with the law of this Commonwealth, as follows

Beginning at the stone monument marked L. B. L. at the corner of Lexington Bedford and Lincoln running N 51° W 8 rods to a stone monument marked B. L. thence S. 14° W 10½ rods to a stone monument marked B. L thence S. 73½° W 27½ rods to a stone monument marked B. L. thence N 40° W 14 rods to a stone monument marked B. L. thence S 41½ W 9 rods to a stone monument marked B. L. thence N 27° W 5 rods to a stone monument marked B. L. thence S 63° W 20 rods to a stone monument marked B. L. thence N 22° W 37½ rods to a stone monument marked B. L. thence as by a survey 55 rods to a stone monument marked C. B. L. at the corner of Concord, Bedford and Lincoln. the point where the line crosses the highway between the last two monuments mentioned being also marked by a stone monument marked B. L.

I. S. Bacon } Selectmen
Thomas B. Hosmer } of Bedford

James C. Chapin } Selectmen
[illegible] } of Lincoln

Nov 24th 1874

A true Copy

Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk

Dec 22d 1874

Pursuant to the law of the Commonwealth we the undersigned a majority of the Selectmen of the towns of Bedford and Concord, met this day and perambulated the line between said towns, and left the monuments standing at the several angles, and at the corners crossings of the [illegible] roads, [illegible] in good condition and to the satisfaction of both parties

Isaac S. Bacon } Selectmen
[illegible] Hosmer } of Bedford

Henry F. Smith } Selectmen
John B. Moore } of Concord

411 Certificate of Appointment of Town Liquor Agent

This is to certify that we the Selectmen of the Town of Bedford have this fifth day of May eighteen hundred and Sixty two appointed Nathaniel P. Watts an Agent for to purchase intoxicating liquors and to sell the same within, for and on account of said town. To be used in the arts or for Medicinal, Chemical, and Mechanical purposes and no other, until the fifth day of May eighteen hundred and sixty three in his dwelling house situated on Spring St. he having given bonds to the Inhabitants of said town in the full and just sum of six hundred dollars for the faithful discharge of the duties of said office in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth

W. A. Stearns } Selectmen
Oliver J. Lane } of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Certificate of Appointment of Town Liquor Agent.
Under the laws of Massachusetts
Town of Bedford

This is to certify that Nathaniel P. Watts has been duly appointed by the Selectmen of Bedford an agent to purchase intoxicating liquors and to sell the same at his dwelling house situated on Spring St. in the town of Bedford to be used in the arts or for Medicinal Chemical and Mechanical purposes and no other under and in conformity with the laws of this Commonwealth of Massachusetts (See General Statutes Chapter 86 Section 17th to 24 inclusive) This appointment to continue for twelve months from the date hereof unless sooner terminated by said Selectmen said agent to receive a salary of twenty Dollars which shall be in full for his said services or in that proportion for a less time

Dated at Bedford this fourth day of May 1863.

W. A. Stearns }
Wm. M. Ashby } Selectmen
O. J. Lane } of Bedford

A true Copy Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Certificate of Appointment of Town Liquor Agent

This is to certify that we the Selectmen of the Town of Bedford have this second day of May eighteen hundred and sixty-four Appointed Nathl. P. Watts an agent for to purchase intoxicating liquors and to sell the same within for, and on account of said town

To be used in the arts or for medicinal Chemical, and Mechanical purposes and no other, untill the second day of May eighteen hundred and sixty five (unless sooner removed) in his dwelling house situated on Spring St, he having given bonds to the inhabitants of said town in the full and just sum of six hundred dollars for the faithful discharge of the duties of said office in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth.

W. A. Stearns } Selectmen
Wm M Ashby } of
Oliver J. Lane } Bedford

A true Copy Attest W. A. Stearns Town Clerk

Certificate of Appointment of Town Liquor Agent

Town of Bedford

This is to certify that Nathl. P. Watts having given bonds has been duly appointed by the Selectmen of Bedford an Agent to purchase intoxicating Liquors, and to sell the same at his dwelling house situated on Spring St, in the town of Bedford to be used in the Arts, or for Medicinal, Chemical, and Mechanical purposes, and no other – under and in conformity with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (see General laws, Chapter 86, Sections 17th to 24th inclusive)

The appointment to continue for twelve months from the date hereof, unless sooner revoked by said Selectmen – Said agent shall receive a salary of sixteen dollars, which shall be in full for his said services, or in that proportion for a less time.

Dated at Bedford this twenty ninth day of April eighteen hundred and sixty five

W. A. Stearns } Selectmen
W M Ashby } of
} Bedford

A true Copy Attest – W. A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Certificate of Appointment of Town Liquor Agent

Town of Bedford

This is to certify that Nathaniel P. Watts having given bonds, has been duly appointed by the Selectmen of Bedford an Agent to purchase intoxicating liquors, and to sell the same at his dwelling house situated on Spring St. in the Town of Bedford, to be used in the Arts, or for Medicinal, Chemical, and Mechanical purposes, and no other — under and in conformity with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (See General Laws, Chapter 86, Sections 17 to 24 inclusive) —

This Appointment to continue for twelve months, from the date hereof, unless sooner revoked by the Selectmen.

Said Agent shall receive a salary of Sixteen dollars, which shall be in full for his said services, or in that proportion for a less time

Dated at Bedford this second day of May eighteen hundred sixty six

R. B. Wilber } Selectmen
F. R. Davis } of
J. T. Boynton } Bedford.

A true Copy Attest;
William A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Pursuant to a notice given by the town of Lexington to the town of Bedford, we the undersigned met and perambulated the line between the aforesaid towns, and find the Monuments at the several angles, and on the roads, in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth.

F. Alderman } Selectmen of Lexington
Isaac N. Damon }
J. L. Bacon } Selectmen of Bedford
A. H. March }

Oct 6th 1875
A true Copy
Attest Chas A. Corey Town Clerk

Persuant to a notice given by the town of Bedford to the town of Burlington, we the undersigned met this day and perambulated the line between the aforesaid towns, and found the Monuments at the several angles, and on the roads, in accordance with the requirements of the law.

Charles H. Clark } Selectmen of Bedford
Marcus B. Webber }
Edward Reed } Selectmen of Burlington
Samuel Sewall }

October 27th 1879
A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Persuant to a notice given by the town of Bedford to the town of Lincoln, we the undersigned, met and perambulated the line between the aforesaid towns, and found the Monuments at the several angles, and on the roads, in accordance with the requirements of the law.

William F. Wheeler } Selectmen of Lincoln
Samuel Hartwell }
Amos C. Shuman }
Charles H. Clark } Selectmen of Bedford
Marcus B. Webber }

October 29th 1879
A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

This is to certify that we the undersigned Selectmen of Billerica and Bedford, have this day, in accordance with the law of the Commonwealth, perambulated the Town line, and report: that we find the bounds properly located and in a fair condition. Billerica Nov 6th 1879

George C. Elliot } Selectmen of Billerica
Wm S. Gleason }

Charles H. Clark } Selectmen of Bedford
Marcus B. Webber }

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

This may certify that we the undersigned, Selectmen of Lexington and Bedford, have this eighth day of November 1880 perambulated the line between Lexington and Bedford and have left the bounds standing in accordance with the laws of the commonwealth

C. B. Whitcher } Selectmen of Lexington
Albert W. Bryant }

J. P. Bacon } Selectmen of Bedford
Calvin Rice }

A true copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

We the undersigned hereby certify that on the third day of December A.D. 1879, we perambulated the town line between the towns of Concord and Bedford and found monuments at the termini and at the angles thereof as required by law, with one exception, and the deficiency in that instance has been supplied so that the bounds between said towns are now complete and to the satisfaction of both parties.
[illegible] & Albert E. Wood Substitute.
Selectmen of Concord
Charles H. Clark & M. B. Webber
Selectmen of Bedford

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Nov 17th 1884

This certifies that we have this day perambulated the line between the towns of Bedford and Lincoln, and have found the boundary stones all in place and in proper condition.

Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen of Bedford
Nathan B. Smith }
Edwin H. Blake }

Samuel Hartwell } Selectmen of Lincoln
Edward G. Foster }

Nov 17th 1884

This certifies that we have this day perambulated the line between the towns of Bedford and Burlington, and have found the boundary stones all in place and proper condition.

Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen of Bedford
Nathan B. Smith }
Edwin H. Blake }

Samuel Sewell } Selectmen of Burlington
Henry S. Marion }

Nov 26th 1884

This is to certify that we have this day run the town lines between the towns of Concord and Bedford and we find, at the several angles thereof and where the same are crossed by the highways, permanent stone monuments, well set in the ground, at least four feet high from its surface, and bearing the letter "C" and "B" legibly cut thereon. Dated this 26th day of Nov 1884

William H. Hunt } for Selectmen of Concord
Albert E. Wood }

Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen of Bedford
Nathan B. Smith }
Edwin H. Blake }

Nov 10th 1884

Met the Selectmen of Bedford according to appointment and perambulated the town lines between Bedford and Billerica — Commencing at the bound on Concord river, near George Herrick's, thence easterly to a bound on Bedford road, thence easterly to a bound in Cross Street thence S. easterly to a bound in Rosenthal's meadow

thence easterly to a bound on Lexington Street;
thence S. easterly to a bound on E. Ansker's line
thence N. easterly to a bound on Henry Mc Kee's land.
thence S. easterly to a bound on South Street.
thence S. easterly to a bound on bank of Shawsheen
river, thence N. easterly to a bound on opposite
side of river, thence Southerly to a bound on
east side of old turnpike, southerly to a bound
on West side of turnpike, thence S. westerly to
a corner bound in pasture.

Ebenezer Baker Coburn S. Smith George F. Colson	Selectmen of Billerica	Oliver J. Lane N. B. Smith Edwin H. Blake	Selectmen of Bedford

A true copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

September 24th 1885-

The undersigned this day met at the house of John Neville in Bedford and proceeded to perambulate the line between the towns of Lexington and Bedford. Commencing at the "corner stone" in the land of John Neville of Bedford: it being the corner of Lexington Lincoln and Bedford, and marked L. L. & B- thence the line runs north easterly to the "old road" from Lexington to Bedford to a monument standing beside the said old road- thence to a monument standing beside a private way, leading from the place formerly owned by [illegible] in Bedford to the old County road in Lexington- thence to a monument in the meadow by an old ditch, by the edge of woodland, and about twenty rods north of the "Middlesex Central Rail Road"- thence to a monument beside the "old County road", near the "old Page Place"- thence to the "County road" leading from Lexington to Bedford- thence to a monument easterly of the Cemetery in Bedford standing near the wall in woodland- thence to a monument by the roadside near to the place of the late "Daniel Cummings" in Lexington. thence to the corner stone, in the pasture being the corner of Lexington, Bedford and Burlington, and marked L. B. & B.

For Lexington	For Bedford
Joseph F. Simonds-	Oliver J. Lane
Walter Blodgett	Nathan B. Smith
	Edwin H. Blake

Selectmens Office Concord Mass Dec 5th 1889
We hereby certify that we this day perambulated the town lines between Concord and Bedford; that said lines were run and the marks renewed by us as required by law.

Substitutes for the Selectmen of Concord { Albert E. Wood, Frank H. Walden | Selectmen of Bedford { Oliver J. Lane, Nathan B. Smith, Edwin H. Blake

Bedford Dec 12th 1889.
We hereby certify that we this day perambulated the town lines between Bedford and Burlington; that said lines were run and the mark reviewed by us as required by law

Oliver J. Lane, Nathan B. Smith } Selectmen Bedford. Samuel Sewall, Geo. L. [illegible] } Selectmen Burlington.
Charles A. Corey Substitute.

Bedford Dec 10th 1889
We hereby certify that we this day perambulated the town lines between the towns of Bedford and Lincoln: that said lines were run and the marks reviewed by us as required by law.

Oliver J. Lane, Nathan B. Smith } Selectmen of Bedford
Samuel Hartwell, Edward C. Foster, Geo. F. Harrington } Selectmen of Lincoln

Bedford Nov 18th 1890.
Messrs Webster Smith and George Muzzey Selectmen of Lexington, and Oliver J. Lane Nathan B. Smith and Charles A. Corey representatives of Bedford, met near the house of John Neville in Bedford and proceeded to view the monuments bounding the said towns. We proceeded to the corner of the towns of Lexington Bedford and Lincoln and found a monument standing in a pasture some [illegible] rods S. E. of the house of John Neville marked L. B. L. Thence to a monument in a meadow standing near a ditch Easterly of the house of C. L. Waite in Bedford. Thence to a monument beside the County road near the old Page place so called. Thence to a monument Easterly of the Cemetery in Bedford, marked L. B. We found a field stone near the house of Sam'l Cummings in Lexington, marked L. B. B. the initials of Lexington Bedford and Burlington this being the corner of said towns. these monuments were all duly marked with the initials of the towns they designated to separate, and are in good condition. The monument on the main road between Lexington and said Bedford is an intermediate bound to mark the line where the road

Webster Smith, George E. Muzzey } Selectmen of Lexington.

Oliver J. Lane, Nathan B. Smith, Charles A. Corey, E. H. Blake } Selectmen of Bedford

Divisions of Fences

The Undersigned two Fenceviewers of the town of Bedford duly sworn having been called upon by Majr. H. Brown Overseer of the Poor of said town to divide and award the Fence between the inclosure of said Towns Farm and the inclosure of Mr. John Smith, have viewed the same in the presence of both parties and do hereby assign to each of said parties his share of said Fence as follows viz:

The said Town of Bedford shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence the whole of the East line commencing at the great ditch and running West and North to the end of said line.

And the said John Smith shall build and keep in repair a like fence the whole of the West line commencing at the main road and running East and North to the end of said line.

And furthermore considering that a portion of the line assigned to the said Town of Bedford has no fence and that the remainder is not in as good repair as the line assigned to said John Smith, we award that said Smith shall pay to said Town of Bedford the sum of six Dollars.

Thomas C. Cutter } Fence
Samuel Sage Jr } Viewers

Bedford Octr 30th 1853

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We Elijah Shelton and Aaron Kittridge have this day made the following division of partition fence viz. beginning at the Southeasterly corner of said Sheltons young orchard said Shelton is to keep up and maintain the first half of the old wall and said Kittridge the last half to the new division line and then running Westerly, said Kittridge is to build and maintain the first half and Shelton the last half then running Northerly to a Stake and Stones by the ditch said Shelton is to build the first half and said Kittridge the last half, and then running Northwesterly by the ditch said Kittridge is to maintain the first half and Shelton the last half to the brook

Bedford
April 30th
1833

Elijah Shelton }
Aaron Kittridge }

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Division of Fence on the line between land of James Emery and land of Cyrus Page, commencing at the road leading ~~leading~~ from the House of Cyrus Page to the House of James Emery, and the said Emery agrees to take for his part of the fence or wall as follows, commencing at the road, thence running Southerly to an Apple Tree on land of said Emery near the wall being about seventeen rods and twelve feet from the Road and the said Page agrees to take the remainder of said wall or fence running Southerly from said Tree to land owned or occupied by Charles C Gragg being about seventeen rods and ten feet, and the said Emery and Page do both agree to maintain support and keep in repair his own part of said fence.
Dated at Bedford this 26 day of November 1853.

Cyrus Page
James Emery

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Division of Fence between Cyrus Page and Cyrus Hapgood. Commencing at the road at the North west corner of land of Cyrus Hapgood, and Cyrus Page is to build the wall to the centre of the lot, then Cyrus Hapgood is to build the wall to the end of the lot, or the north East corner, thence running southerly Cyrus Page is to build and support to the centre then Cyrus Hapgood is to build and support the other half to the South east corner to land of Jonathan Lane, and the said Page and Hapgood do both agree to maintain support and keep in repair his own part of said fence or wall

Cyrus Hapgood
Cyrus Page

Dated at Bedford, this
19th day of November
A. D. 1850

A true Copy Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

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Whereas a controversy has arisen between the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Bedford and John Smith of Bedford about respective rights in a partition fence in the line between the land of the Poor Farm of the town of Bedford and the land of said John Smith, we the subscribers Fence viewers of the town of Bedford duly chosen and sworn having on the application of Wm. D. Reed and Thaddeus H. Davis Overseers of the Poor, and having given due notice in writing to the said John Smith viewed the premises and duly considered the matter in dispute have assigned and do hereby assign to each of said parties his share of said fence as follows viz; The said Town of Bedford shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence on the Easterly line of said Town Farm from the Great Ditch to the land of Mr Joseph Hartwell; And the said John Smith shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line viz; on the Westerly line of said Town Farm from the Public Road to the land of Joseph Brown. And each party is to erect and repair his part of said fence within ninety days from the date hereof.

And furthermore in consideration that the part of said fence assigned to said John Smith is in better repair than the part assigned to the Town of Bedford we award that the said John Smith shall pay to the said Town of Bedford the sum of Six Dollars.

Thomas C. Cutler } Fence
Samuel Sage Jr } Viewers

Dated March 3d 1854

A true copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreement concerning Division of Fence

We Samuel Sage and Hiram L. Dutton have this day agreed to divide the partition fence between our lands, situated in the northerly part of Bedford as follows; the said Sage shall keep and maintain a good and sufficient fence from the public highway to a red-cedar tree near the fence being about 30 rods; and the said Dutton shall keep a like fence from said tree to the end of the line, being about 61 rods.

Attest Samuel Sage Jr. Samuel Sage
Hiram L. Dutton

Bedford June 9th 1855

A true copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

An agreement made this thirtieth day of June 1855 & it is agreed that a division of fence is made between land of Hiram L. Dutton & Justus P. Hastings Said Dutton agrees to build and maintain a good and sufficient fence commencing at the road and thence running Westerly twenty rods to a Stone Post said Hastings agrees to build and maintain a like fence fifteen rods to land of Mrs Harriet Lane

A true Copy Hiram L. Dutton
Justus P. Hastings

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Division of fence between land of Cyrus Page and Joseph L. Hodgman beginning at the East end by the road leading from the House of Cyrus Page to the House of Jonathan Lalor thence running westerly seventeen rods and seven feet then the stone wall and said wall belongs to Cyrus Page then running west Mr Hodgman is to build the wall or fence twenty eight rods thence running Westerly and Cyrus Page is to build the wall or fence ten rods and ten feet to the wall at the west end of said lot of land and the said Page and Hodgman do both agree to build and maintain and support his own part of said wall or fence Dated at Bedford this 29th day of June in the year 1855

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Memorandum of an agreement in relation to a division of fence between Daniel Page of one part and Elbridge W. Stearns of the other party; Made this twenty fourth day of April A.D. eighteen hundred and fifty six Witnesseth; that the said parties have this day mutually agreed upon a line of division for the erection and maintainance of a fence on the line dividing their lands situated on the road leading from Bedford to Concord, in said Bedford as follows to wit; beginning on said road at corner of land between said parties thence running southerly and Easterly on said line of division two hundred seven 4/12 feet to corner of land of Caroline M. Fitch.

The said Stearns on his part assumes the erection and maintainance of one hundred three 8/12 feet on the northerly end of said line commencing at the road aforesaid.

And, the said Page assumes the erection and maintainance of one hundred three 8/12 feet on the Southerly end of said line commencing at corner of land of said Fitch and said Page and Stearns thence running westerly and northerly to the point of intersection between said parties.

In witness whereof the said Elbridge W. Stearns and the said Daniel Page hereby acknowledge the above as a perpetual agreement between them and their heirs and assigns forever.

In presence of
J. W. Simonds
A. B. Cutler

Elbridge W. Stearns
Daniel Page

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

This Memorandum of an agreement made this tenth day of April 1856 by and between Hiram Clark of the one part and George Lane of Bedford of the other part,

Witneſseth that whereas there is a division of fence needed on the line that divides the land of the said parties lying on the South side of the road leading to H. Clark's House, It is now agreed that the Northerly half of said fence shall be erected and supported by the said George Lane, and the Southerly half thereof by the said Hiram Clark.

And this agreement being recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of the said Town of Bedford Shall be perpetually binding upon the several owners of the said lot their heirs and aſsigns forever.

Witneſs our hands and seals the day and year aforesaid.

Attest
A. S. Monroe

George Lane
Hiram Clark

A True Copy Attest C. Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Agreement concerning division of Fence

We Benjamin G. Hosmer and Silas Brooks have this day agreed to divide the partition fence between our lands situated in the Southerly part of Bedford Village as follows the said Hosmer shall build and maintain a good and sufficient fence on the South easterly half of said partition fence five rods and five feet. And the said Brooks shall build and maintain a like fence on the North westerly half of said fence also five rods and five feet.

And this agreement shall be binding on ourselves, our heirs and aſsigns perpetually.

In witneſs whereof we have hereunto set our hands

Attest. Abel Flint

B. G. Hosmer
Silas Brooks

Bedford Apr. 29th 1857
A true copy, Attest C. Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Award of Fence Viewers.

Whereas a controversy has arisen between Daniel Fitch and Albert Bacon of Bedford, about their respective rights in a partition fence in the line between their lands lying in the Center of Bedford. We the subscribers Fence Viewers of the Town of Bedford duly chosen and sworn, having on the application of the said Fitch (and after having given due notice to the said Bacon) have viewed the premises and duly considered the matter in dispute, have assigned and do hereby assign to each of the said parties his share of said fence as follows viz. The said Albert Bacon shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence, commencing at the south west corner of a Stone post on the main road leading to Boston, nearly opposite Putnam Hotel thence running Northerly in a strait line on a board fence and stone wall sixteen rods and one link to a stake and stones. And the said D. Fitch shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line viz commencing at the last named stake and stones, and running on the wall in the same direction eight rods and one link to the corner of a wall, thence turning westerly and running on a stone wall eight rods to land of P.W. Chamberlin & Co. And each party is to erect (or repair) his part of said fence within thirty days from the date hereof. The said Daniel Fitch shall pay to the said Albert Bacon the sum of six dollars in consideration of his part of the fence being a Stone wall. The above sum shall be paid within thirty Days from date hereof. Given under our hands at said Bedford this twenty seventh day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Isaac P. Bacon } Fence Viewers
William A. Lane } of Bedford

A true copy

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Memorandum of an agreement made this twenty sixth day of October A.D. 1857 by and between Thomas Stiles in the Town of Bedford (authorised to make the same at a meeting held on the sixth day of April 1857) on the one part, and Nathaniel C. Cutler of said Bedford of the other part. Witnesseth.

That whereas there is a division of the fence needed on the line which divides the School house yard in the Centre District and land of Nathanl C. Cutler.

Now it is agreed that the Easterly half of said fence shall be supported by the said Nathanl C. Cutler, and the Westerly half of said fence shall be supported by the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford.

And this agreement being recorded in the office of the Town Clerk of Bedford shall be perpetually binding upon the owners of said lots their heirs assigns and successors forever

Nathaniel C. Cutler

Attest J. W. Simonds Thomas Stiles

A true Copy Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Bedford July 7th 1858

Division of Fence between Cyrus Page and Reuben Bacon, being on land in the East part of Bedford said fence or wall beginning at the North West corner of land belonging to Edward Flint thence running Westerly as the wall stands to land of Josiah B. Gleason, being about 13 rods and the Easterly half about 7½ rods shall belong to Reuben Bacon and the westerly half to Cyrus Page and the said Page & Bacon do both agree to maintain and support and keep in repair his own part of said wall

Reuben Bacon
Cyrus Page

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

This Memorandum is an agreement made this twenty seventh day of April in the year eighteen hundred and fifty seven between Charles M. Butterfield of Bedford in the County of Middlesex on the one part and Phinehas W. Chamberlin Treasurer of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford duly qualified to act for and in their behalf on the other part witnesseth. That whereas there is a division needed in the fence on the line between the westerly side of the estate belonging to the said Butterfield and the easterly side of the estate side of the estate belonging to the said Inhabitants lately purchased of Lucius Stiles situated on Main & South Streets Now it is agreed that the northerly part of said fence beginning on Main Street and running about eighty two feet six inches to the northerly side of the stone post at the corner on the School yards shall be erected and supported by the said Butterfield, and the southerly part of said fence beginning at land of Lucius Stiles and running about seventy eight feet to the northerly side of the stone post at the north east corner of the School yards by the said Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, and this agreement being recorded in the office of the Town Clerk of Bedford shall be perpetually binding upon the several owners of the said lots their heirs assigns and successors forever.

Witness our hands and seals the day and year aforesaid

Charles M. Butterfield

Executed in presence
of Charles C. Gragg

Phinehas W. Chamberlin

A true copy

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Memorandum of a division of fence

"This is to certify that we the undersigned William Parker and Otho J. Gant have this day made the following division of a line of fence mutually agreed upon and established and placed upon the record as follows to wit beginning upon the road leading from Bedford to Concord at a point northward by and near the dwellinghouse of the said Gant on the line dividing the bounds of the said Gant and the said Parker. thence running South Easterly as the wall now stands thirty seven and one half rods to an angle thence turning Northeastwardly and running as the wall now stands twenty two and half rods to land of Nathan O. Reed near by a Spring. Be it known and forever established that we have mutually agreed that said Gant shall take and forever maintain the northwesterly end of of said line of fence running from said road 29 rods and 22½ links, and the said Parker is to take and forever maintain the remainder of the the afore described line of this division being 29 rods and 22½ links to a point by land of said Reed near a Spring. Witness our hands this twenty seventh day of June eighteen hundred and fifty-nine"

Attest J. W. Simonds

Otho J. Gant
William Parker

A true Copy
Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the undersigned hereby agree to the following division of the line of fence between land of Elijah Bacon of Bedford of the one part and Miss Caroline M. Fitch of Boston of the other part. Miss C. M. Fitch agrees to build and keep in repair the line of fence. beginning at land of David Page thence running to the passage way thence turning Southerly by said passage way 158 feet from the point of beginning. Said Bacon agrees to build and keep in good repair the remainder of the line of fence running Southerly to land of Wm A Putnam 158 feet

In witness whereof we set our hands this second day of March AD 1860.

Attest Thomas Stiles

Caroline M. Fitch
Elijah Bacon

A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the undersigned hereby agree to the following division of the line of fence between the estates of Elbridge W. Stearns of Bedford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gentleman on the one part and Miss Caroline M. Fitch of Boston in the County of Suffolk and State aforesaid of the other part, viz: one half of the fence commencing at land belonging to the estate of Nancy Rice late of Bedford Deceased thence running westerly 45 ft to a bound is to be kept in good repair by Miss C. M. Fitch and the remainder of 45 feet to land of Daniel Page shall be supported and kept in good repair by the above named Elbridge W. Stearns.

In witness whereof we set our hands this 2d day of March 1860

Attest Thomas Stiles

Caroline M. Fitch

Elbridge W. Stearns

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

We the undersigned hereby agree to the following division of the line of fence between land belonging to Daniel Page of Bedford of the one part and Miss Caroline M. Fitch of Boston of the other part. Said Page agrees to build and keep in good repair one half of the line of fence commencing at land of Elbridge W. Stearns thence running westerly one hundred and seventy seven feet. Miss C. M. Fitch is to build and keep in good repair the westerly half of said line 177 feet to land of Elijah Bacon.

In witness whereof we set our hands this second day of March 1860

Attest Thomas Stiles

Caroline M. Fitch

Daniel Page

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Division of fence between Cyrus Page and John S. Davis. Commencing at the South West Corner of Land of John S. Davis at the Brook, John S. Davis is to commence for his part at said corner thence running Southerly by said Brook thirteen rods and seven feet to where the fence on Cyrus Page side divides the pond pasture from the meadow then Cyrus Page is to commence for his part and running Southerly by said Brook and across the pond to a cross stake on Davis side nearly opposite of an old Dam eight rods and thirteen feet, then Davis is to again commence for his part and running South thirty eight rods being half way to the road near a stake and stone or butment in the wall being Pasture on the part of Davis and field on the part of Page then Page again commences and running South thirty eight rods to the road leading from the house of Cyrus Page to the house of Martin Reed and the above named Cyrus Page and John S. Davis do hereby both agree to maintain support and keep in repair his own part of said fence or wall

Bedford April 24th 1860

Cyrus Page
John S. Davis

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Bedford Apr 8th 1861.

This is to certify that an agreement has been made this day between William Everett on the one part and Abel S. Monroe on the other part of dividing the line of their fence the whole length from the Stone Post where the wide gate of said Everett's front fence now hangs, on line of side walk, beginning at the center of Stone and running Easterly on the line untill it comes to the line of Elbridge Jones, whole length is 126 feet 6 inches, or, 63 feet 3 inches for each one to build said Everett is to build the half next the road

Witness Elbridge Jones
Sarah E. Monroe

William Everett
Abel S. Monroe

A true Copy Attest
Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

An agreement made this fifteenth
day of June A.D. 1864, by and between
Albert Bacon, and Thomas C. Cutler, a divisio
of fence is needed between land of the above named parties
situated near the White House (so called), Said
Cutler agrees to build and keep in repair the
westerly half, commencing on the old road leadi
to the Wm Page place and running ten feet beyon
a pine tree, standing on the line of said fence
to a stake and stones, Said Bacon agrees to
build and keep in repair the other half of
said fence running from the above named
bound to the great-road leading to Lexington

Albert Bacon
Thomas C. Cutler

A true Copy
Attest William A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Division of Fence between D. M. Rich
and Samuel Newell, Said Newell
commences on Nathan Fitch's line twenty-nin
rods to division fence on the East side of
Newells lot; Richards then takes the fence
twenty four rods to an Angle then twenty nine
rods to another Angle, then three rods to
another Angle; then Newell takes thirty rod
to another Angle, and then Newell takes
twenty eight rods to the Stream

D. M. Richards
Samuel Newell

Bedford Aug. 10th 1866

A true Copy
Attest William A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Persuant to a request made to the undersigned Fence Viewers for the town of Bedford by Ruhamah Lane and William H. Hensley to divide the line of fence and assign the support of the same between their Estates. We have examined the said line of fence and find the whole length to be twenty six rods. We divide and assign to William H Hensley the easterly part of said fence beginning at the wall on the Pine hill road so called and running westerly thirteen rods to a stake. being one half of the distance of said line. and we assign to Ruhaman Lane beginning at the last mentioned bound and running westerly thirteen rods to a stone wall running northerly at a right angle with the line of fence herein described. being the westerly half of said line. the parties acquiesce in the above divisions and mutualy agree to support their respective divisions of said fence

Given under our hands at Bedford this thirteenth day of Jan. A.D. 1873

George Simonds
Albert Bacon
Wm H Lane
Fence Viewers

A true Copy
Attest Charles A Corey Town Clerk

This witnesseth that I Thaddeus H. Davis of Bedford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts In consideration of twelve dollars paid by the Selectmen of the Town of Bedford aforesaid in behalf of and for the inhabitants of said Town the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do sell, make over and deliver unto the said inhabitants a certain parcel of gravel situated and being upon my farm in the Northerly part of said Bedford upon the road leading to the house of J. W. Hawkins and bounded and described as follows, commencing on the Southerly side of said road at the land of said Hawkins at a Stake and Stone about four feet inside of the wall by the road thence running Easterly on a curved line indicated by Stakes and Stones about three hundred and twenty feet on my land to a stake and Stones about two feet inside of the wall by the road. thence Westerly by the road to the bound first mentioned, the greatest width of the said gravel bank being about sixteen feet from the present line of the road, the said Inhabitants are to relay the Stone wall on a straight line from the aforesaid Stake and Stones at the land of said Hawkins to the Easterly bounds at the termination of the line, as the gravel shall be removed, and I the said Davis in consideration aforesaid for myself and my heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns do hereby dedicate the strip of land lying on the Northerly side of the last mentioned line to the use of the public highway adjoining forever, And I the said Thaddeus H. Davis for myself and my heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns for the consideration aforesaid do hereby lease, demise and let unto the said inhabitants of the Town of Bedford the premises herein described for the term of twenty five years from the date hereof, with the privilege of entering thereon at all times during the said term, and doing whatever may be necessary for the removal of the gravel and Stones therefrom, the said Davis retaining the loam for his own use, In witness whereof I the said Thaddeus H. Davis hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and seventy four

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of P. W. Chamberlin } Thaddius H. Davis Seal

Middlesex S.S. Feb 6th 1874

Then personally appeared the above named Thaddius H. Davis and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me P. W. Chamberlin
Justice of the Peace

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

We the undersigned hereby agree to the following division of the line of fence between land of John H. Brown of Bedford of the one part and Mrs. Sarah Saunders of Bedford of the other part. John H. Brown agrees to build and keep in repair the line of fence beginning at the road and running Northerly 133 feet. Mrs Sarah Saunders agrees to build and keep in repair the remainder of the line of fence to land of William Dodge

In witness whereof we set our hands and seals this first day of July A. D. 1873

Witness
A. Maria Brown

Sarah Saunders
John H. Brown

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk

Memorandum of Agreement made and concluded by and between W. G. Turner on the one part and Marcus A. Latham on the other part this 14th day of April A. D. 1875. Witnesseth the said Turner and Latham have this day made an equal division of the line fence between the land owned by the said Latham and said Turner the whole of said line being 288 feet more or less. said Latham and said Turner agree that said Turner take the south half commencing on the line at the road running northerly on said line 144 feet to stake and stone and I the said Turner further agree to put in [illegible] said half. and [illegible] the said Latham [illegible] and maintain the other half. commencing at said stake and stone running the same number of feet northerly to land owned by Moses E. Rowe [illegible] to be recorded on the Town Records in Bedford. and to the aforesaid agreement we this day set our hands and seals

April 14th 1875

W. G. Turner seal

Attest M. E. Rowe Marcus A. Latham seal

A true Copy

Attest Chs. A. [illegible] Town Clerk

Division and assignment of Fence Viewers between Catherine Kelly wife of Peter Kelly and William W. Mudge both of Bedford.

Whereas a controversy has arisen between William W. Mudge and Catherine Kelly wife of Peter Kelly of Bedford about their respective rights in the partition fence in the line between their lands lying in the [illegible] of said Bedford [illegible] the road leading [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] notice to the said Catherine Kelly. [illegible] considered the matter in dispute. do hereby assign to each of the said parties their share of said fence as follows viz. The said W^m H. Mudge shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence commencing on the Southerly side of the above mentioned road at the corner of their lands opposite of the land of Louisa Harmon [illegible] straight line [illegible] and a stone wall ten rods to a stake and stones and the said Catharine Kettell shall build and keep in repair a like fence in the same direction commencing at the last mentioned bound running thirty rods to a stake and stones. and the said Mudge shall build and keep in repair a like fence commencing at the last mentioned bound running in the same direction twenty one rods to the corner of land of Catharine Kettell. thence turning a right angle easterly twenty two rods and [illegible] links to a stake and stones the same to be built and kept in repair by the said Mudge, and the said Kettell shall build and keep in repair a like fence commencing at the last mentioned bound running in the same direction [illegible] rods and four links to land of A. O. Evans and one Norton. And each party is to erect or repair their several parts of the line of fence running Southerly from the said road within fifteen days from the date hereof, and the said Kettell shall have six months from the first day of last May to build or repair the line of fence running in an easterly direction to land of A. O. Evans and one Norton

Given under our hands at said Bedford this [illegible] day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

W^m A. Lane
George Simonds
Albert Bacon
Fence viewers of Bedford

A true copy
Attest
[illegible] Gray
Town Clerk

437 Division of the Fence between Mr John H. Brown and Judson Edgston on Spring St.

The said Edgston is to commence on the Spring road near his house, thence running Westerly on a Wall six rods 2½ links to a Stake and stones, and the said Brown commencing at the last named bound running in the same direction six rods 2½ links to the division line between said Edgston and Wm Dodge, each party to build and keep in repair a good and substantial fence and have five Months from date to complete the same,

Recorded Nov 22nd 1876
Albert Bacon } Fence
Wm A. Lane } Viewers
Thomas Stiles } Bedford

A true Copy
Attest C. A. Corey Town Clerk

Dated November 18th 1878

This Memorandum of an agreement made this eighteenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight by and between William W. Mudge and Mrs Mary Peirce all of the Town of Bedford in the Middlesex County and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Witnesseth. That whereas there is a division fence on the line that divides the lands of said Mudge and Mary Peirce, Commencing on the Town Road leading from Bedford to Lincoln at a wall which separates the owners said lands. The party of the Second part (Mary Peirce) agrees to maintain and support twenty six and one half rods running from the point of commencement in a Westerly direction. The party of the first part (W. W. Mudge) agrees to maintain and support thirty eight and one half rods a part being in the swamp. The party of the Second part agrees to maintain and support twelve rods in the swamp, to a stake and stones by land of one Louisa Hartwell. And this agreement being recorded in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Bedford shall be perpetually binding upon the several owners of the said lots their heirs and assigns forever. Witness our hands and seals the day and year aforesaid.

William W. Mudge } (seal)
Mary Peirce } (seal)
by Abner Peirce Atty

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
C. A. Corey. A true copy Attest C. A. Corey Town Clerk

Watch Found

The Subscriber found a silver Watch in Bedford on the fourth Inst

Bedford July 9th 1855 Charles Spalding

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

To P. W. Chamberlin and Samuel Sage Jr both of Bedford in the County of Middlesex Greeting you are hereby appointed and Empowered to appraise upon Oath at the true value thereof in money, according to your best judgment a silver Watch found by Charles Spalding of Bedford who has entered posted and cried the same as the law directs.

And you are to make return of this warrant and your doings thereon into the town Clerks Office of said Bedford within seven days from the date hereof

Given under my hand and seal the nineteenth day of October 1855

Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

The undersigned pursuant to the within appointment have examined the within named silver watch and appraise the same at the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents $12,50

Bedford Oct. 19th 1855 P W Chamberlin } Appraisers
Saml Sage Jr }

A true Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Record of Strays Beasts

Came into the enclosure of the subscriber, a bay gelding Horse, with a white spot in forehead, one white foot, black mane & tail the owner is requested to call & settle for the advertisement & keeping & take him away

John Gragg

Bedford July 18th 1851

A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Cle

Came into ~~the~~ my enclosure on Saturaday June 11th 1864 a Black Horse with a little white on both hind feet, about 8 or 10 years old, weight about 10 or 12 hundred ℔, which the owner can have by proving property & paying charges inquire of

D. M. Richards

Bedford June 12th 1864

A true Copy Attest William A Stearns Town Clerk

Came into the inclosure o the Subscriber on Friday the 11th Inst, one Iron Gray Mare, supposed about 8 or 9 years old and a Colt about 2 years old of the same Color, the Owner can have the same by proving property and paying charges, to Justus P. Hastings in the north part of Bedford on the road leading to Billerica – Bedford August 12th 1865

Justus P. Hastings

A true Copy Attest William A. Stearns
Town Clerk

Record of Stray Beasts

Bedford September 4th 1858

Came into the enclosure of the Subscriber a light Bay or Red Horse with one white foot and a blemish on the off fore leg. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying charges to the Subscriber

Elijah Brown

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex S.S.

To Samuel Sage Jr and William A Lane of Bedford County of Middlesex and Commonwealth aforesaid

Elijah Brown having represented to me that he is finder of a Stray Horse and the same appearing to me to be true you are hereby appointed to appraise on oath at the true value said Horse, When you have performed that service you will return this warrant into the Town Clerk's Office for the town of Bedford in said County within seven days next coming

Given under my hand this twenty first day of October 1858

Thomas Stiles Justice of the Peace

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford October 21st 1858

Then personally appeared the within named Samuel Sage Jr and William A. Lane and made oath that they would appraise the Horse at its true cash value before me

Thomas Stiles Justice of the Peace

The Undersigned having under oath appraised a Horse taken up by Elijah Brown hereby certify that in our opinion the said Horse is worth Ten dollars and that this is his true cash value.

Saml Sage Jr
Bedford Oct. 22d 1858 Wm A Lane

A True Copy Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Came in to the enclosure of the Subscribers Oct 21st 1868 a Red & White Steer, about 3 years old, with the letter M, Cut on the Hip, which the owner can have by proving property & paying charges.

Enquire of Monroe & Willis

Bedford Nov 18th 1868

A true Copy Attest W. A. Stearns Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex S.S.

To Jesse E. Farnsworth and Elbridge W. Stearns of Bedford County of Middlesex, Commonwealth aforesaid,

Monroe & Willis having represented to me that they have found a Stray Steer and the same appearing to me to be true, you are hereby appointed to Appraise on oath at the true value the said Steer, & when you have performed that service you will return this warrant into the Town Clerks Office for the Town of Bedford in said County within seven days from date.

William A. Stearns Town Clerk

Bedford Dec. 30th 1868

Then personally appeared the above named Jesse E Farnsworth & Elbridge W. Stearns and made oath that they would appraise the aforesaid steer at his true cash value before me

William A Stearns Town Cl

Bedford Jan 4th 1869

The undersigned having under oath appraised a stray Steer mentioned in the within warrant taken up by Monroe & Willis, hereby certify that in our opinion the said steer is worth forty six dollars & that this amount is his true cash value.

Jesse E Farnsworth
E. W. Stearns

A true copy Attest W. A Stearns Town Clerk

Whereas, the respective rights in a partition fence in the line between the lands of Catherine Kelly and Barbara Ford of Bedford, situated in said Bedford, being undefined, we the subscribers, fence viewers for the said town of Bedford, having on application of the said Catherine Kelly, (and after giving due notice to the said Barbara Ford,) viewed the premises and duly considered the matter, do hereby assign to each of the said parties her share of said fence, as follows;-

The said Catherine Kelly shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence from a point in the aforesaid line, at the road near the house of said Catherine Kelly, and running southerly forty rods to a stake and stones in said line,

And the said Barbara Ford shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line, viz, from the aforesaid stake and stones, and running southerly forty rods to land of William W. Mudge.

The said Catherine Kelly to pay the said Barbara Ford the sum of seven dollars. And each party is to erect and repair her part of said fence within twenty days from the date hereof.

Given under our hands at said Bedford this second day of June 1879

Wm A. Lane }
Frederic A. Cutler } Fence Viewers
Marcus B. Webber. }

A true copy Attest Chas A. Corey Town Clerk

This is to certify that Charles L. Wait of Bedford Massachusetts county of Middlesex. and Laura A. Lane of Lowell Massachusetts county of Middlesex, have this 31st day of May 1879 made a division of fence between said parties. and Charles L. Wait takes the Southerly half of said fence and agrees to keep a fence which will answer the demands of the law, or to the satisfaction of the parties concerned, and Laura A. Lane takes the Northerly half of said fence. and agrees to keep a fence which will answer the demands of the law or to the satisfaction of the parties concerned.

Witness
Lyman E. Wait
Nancy A Lawrence

C. L. Wait
Laura A. Lane

A true copy Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk

This is to certify that we, William Dodge and Abram E. Brown have this day made the following division of partition fence between our estates on Spring Street in Bedford, Massachusetts and Middlesex County, beginning at Spring Street between land of William Dodge and Abram E. Brown thence running Northerly in a straight line 149 feet to a stake and stone, thence Northerly the same number of feet to a wall by land of said Dodge. Brown is to make and maintain a good fence, which will answer the demands of the law on the Southerly half of said line, and Dodge is to make and maintain a good fence which will answer the demands of the law on the Northerly half of said line.

Bedford May 6th 1879

Abram E. Brown
William Dodge.

A true copy
Attest C. A. Corey Town Clerk

Memorandum of an agreement made this ninth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty. by and between Charles C. Gragg of Bedford in the County of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts on the one part, and Sarah B. Flint of said Bedford on the other part, That whereas there is a division in the fence needed on the line that divides the land of the said Charles C. Gragg and the land of the said Sarah B. Flint. It is now agreed, that the Northerly part of said line commencing at a stone wall between land of said Charles C. Gragg and land of Lydia B. Lane, thence running Southerly

thirty seven and three quarters feet (137¾) to a black stone in the wall shall be supported by the said Sarah B. Flint; thence Southerly five hundred and twenty two and three quarters feet (522¾) to the end of the wall shall be supported by the said Charles C. Gragg; thence Southerly three hundred and eighty five (385) feet to land of Charles L. Flint shall be supported by the said Sarah B. Flint.
And this agreement being recorded in the office of the Town Clerk of the said Town of Bedford, shall be perpetually binding upon the several owners of the said lands, their heirs and assigns forever.

Witness our hands and seals the ninth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty

Signed & Sealed in presence of
J. Newton Hartwell

Charles C. Gragg (Seal)
Sarah B. Flint (Seal)

A true copy
Attest — Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Whereas the respective rights in a partition fence in the line between the lands of William Dodge and Sarah Foster of Bedford, County of Middlesex commonwealth of Massachusetts, situated in said Bedford; commencing at a point on Spring street between lands of William Dodge and Sarah Foster, and thence running in a Northerly direction six rods and 8 feet to land formerly owned by Mary A. Brown being undetermined, we the subscribers, fence viewers of the said town of Bedford, having on application of said William Dodge and Sarah Foster viewed the premises and duly considered the matter, do hereby assign to each of said parties their share of said fence as follows:—
The said William Dodge shall build and repair a good and sufficient fence on the Southerly half of said line, and said Sarah Foster shall build and repair a good and sufficient fence on the northerly half of said line,
And each party is to erect and repair their part of said fence within thirty days —

from the date hereof. Given under our hands at said Bedford this twenty fourth day of June 1861, Wm S. Lane John Boynton Wm J. Stickney Fence Viewers.
A true copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Bedford April 25th 1881
This certifies that we have divided the line fence between us and do agree to support our respective halves according to law as follows; I C. L. Wait agree to take the west end commencing at the south west corner of my orchard and running East thirty eight rods, and I R Clark agree to take the east end commencing at the Shawsheen river and running west thirty eight rods to connect with C. L. Waits half.

C. L. Wait
R. Clark

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk,

Division of fence between Cyrus Page on the east and Martin Kelly on the [illegible] west Commencing at the North end of the wall by land of Mr Jennes, thence running Southerly by land of said Page and Kelly about thirty three rods which part of the wall shall belong to Cyrus Page; thence running Southerly by land of Page and Kelly about thirty three rods, running Southerly on several angles to the road; which remaining part to belong to Martin Kelly; and the said Page and Kelly do hereby promise to maintain, support and keep in repair his own part of said fence or wall. Dated at Bedford this seventh day of June [illegible]

Witness John [illegible]

Cyrus Page
Martin Kelly

A true copy
Attest Charles A Corey Town Clerk.

Bedford April 30th 1855
Having this day measured and divided the line between the farm of Charles H. Wood and lands of Mrs Marvina Lawrence Sarah R. Foster and Mary E. Rave we agreed to the several parties as follows:-
The line between the lands of Mr Wood and Mrs Lawrence we divide as follows:- To Mr Wood we

award sixty one and one half rods of stone wall on the south half to keep in repair; and to Mr Lawrence sixty one and one half rods of fence and ditch on the north half to keep in repair.
The line between the lands of Mr. Wood and Mr Foster we divide as follows;- To Mr Wood we award thirty eight and one fourth rods on the west half to keep in repair; and to Mr Foster thirty eight and one fourth rods on the east half to keep in repair. The line between the lands of Mr Wood and Mr Rowe we divide as follows:-
To Mr Wood we award thirty eight rods on the south half to keep in repair; and to Mr Rowe we award thirty eight rods on the north half to keep in repair.

J. T. Boynton Jonas Melvin Fence Viewers of Bedford

A true copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

We the subscribers Fence viewers of the town of Bedford, By request of J. Henry Brown; having met for the purpose of dividing a line of fence to be built and supported by Brown and Mrs Alzina Fletcher; the said Fletcher having had due notice and her husband being present, do assign to each the following parts, to be built and supported Viz:- Said Brown to begin at the wall near his house on South side of said lot and run westerly one hundred and thirty feet; said Fletcher to take the other half to the corner, thence turning at right angle and build four hundred and thirty two feet on the westerly side of said lot; Said Brown to build the other half on northerly end of said fence.

Bedford June 21st 1890

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith } Fence viewers of Bedford
Edwin H. Blake

We the parties named herein signify our acceptance of the above division John H. Brown M. Alzina Fletcher.

Bedford Aug. 2nd 1892.
To C. A. Corey Clerk of the town of Bedford.
By request of Moses B. Johnson we the undersigned have viewed the boundry line fence between the estate of said Johnson and Sophronia L. Drake and award to each as their part to repair and forever keep in suitable condition to answer the requirements of law in relation to line fences, as follows:

To Sophronia L. Drake that part of said fence beginnin at the Billerica road called North Avenue and running westerly 780½ feet more or less, the same being a continuou line without any turns or angles.
To Moses B. Johnson that part of said fence beginnin at the land of William Farrell and running Easterly Southerly and Easterly again as the wall now stands 780½ feet more or less, The entire length of the line between the estates of the said Drake and Johnson being 1561 feet more or less

Oliver J. Lane } Fence Viewers
Irving L. Hodgdon } of Bedford

Bedford Mass May 31st 1893.
This agreement witnesseth that the boundery wall or fence running between land of Annette M. Clark and Charles W. O'Dowd both of Bedford shall be kept and maintained as follows. beginning at the southerly end of said line, at land now of Mr Champney. thence running northerly between said land of Annette M. Clark and Charles W. O'Dowd, one hundred and two and one half feet, the fence or wall shall be kept and maintained by Annette M. Clark her heirs and assigns forever. Thence northerly between said land of Annette M. Clark and Charles W. O'Dowd one hundred and two and one half feet, the fence or wall shall be kept and maintained by Charles W. O'Dowd. his heirs and assigns forever.

Witness — Signed Charles W. O'Dowd
Geo H. Walter. — Annette M. Clark

Memorandum of an agreement made this 6th day of July 1894 by and between Joseph Green of Bedford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the one part and Mary McDonough of said Bedford on the other part, That whereas there is a division in the fence needed on the line that divides the land of the said Joseph Green and Mary McDonough. It is now agreed that the westerly half of said line commencing at the road called Hillside Avenue. thence running easterly ninety four (94) feet more or less shall be supported by the said Joseph Green; thence easterly ninety four (94) feet more or less to the land of the Boston and Maine Railroad Corporation comprising the easterly half of said line shall be supported by the said Mary McDonough. And this agreement being recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of the said town of Bedford shall be perpetually binding upon the several owners of the said lands their heirs and assigns forever. Witness our hands and seals this sixth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety four.

Signed & Sealed in presence of Charles A. Corey
Joseph Green (Seal) Mary her x mark McDonough (Seal)

List of the names of Dogs Registered in 1858

1858 April 22	Carlo	No	1	owned by	Henry A Stearns
	Tiger	"	2	"	" Moses A. Brown
	Frank	"	3	"	" Charles O. Grace
	Jack	"	4	"	" Wm Clark Jr
	Fido	"	5	"	" Charles P. Page
	Tiger	"	6	"	" Joseph Skinner
	Carlo	"	7	"	" Thaddeus H. Davis
	Jack	"	8	"	" William Parker
	Major	"	9	"	" J. A. Dugan
	Buff	"	10	"	" J. Q. Blake
	Watch	"	11	"	" Rodney Carter
	Jack	"	12	"	" Justus P. Hastings
	Buff	"	13	"	" Hiram D. Dutton
	Bill	"	14	"	" Charles M. Butterfield
	Rover	"	15	"	" Lowell Reed
	Major	"	16	"	" William M. Ashby
	Rover	"	17	"	" John Grace
	Cuff	"	18	"	" William H. Hartwell
	Tiger	"	19	"	" Henry Wood

A true record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

449. List of Dogs numbered & licensed in the Town of Bedford 1859

1859 May 7th	No 1	Tiger	owned by	Henry Wood	$ 1.00
"	2	Cuff	" "	William Hartwell	1.00
"	4	Spot	" "	Charles P. Robbins	1.00
"	5	Tiger	" "	Moses F. Brown	1.00
"	6	Rover	" "	John R. Proctor	1.00
"	7	Carlo	" "	Fred^k Davis	1.00
"	8	Jack	" "	C. M. Butterfield	1.00
"	9	Major	" "	Thomas Stiles	1.00
"	10	Spot	" "	Joseph Hartwell	1.00
"	11	Tiger	" "	Eldridge Munroe	1.00
"	12	Gilner	" "	J. C. Bartlett	1.00
"	14	Dash	" "	Jos. H. Hartwell 2	1.00
"	15	Spot (female)	"	Geo. G. Barker	5.00
"	16	Prince	" "	H. A. Stearns	1.00
"	19	Don	" "	Jonas Tuttle	1.00
"	20	Watch	" "	Josiah B. Gleason	1.00
"	21	Jack	" "	Wm Parker	1.00
"	22	Tiger	" "	Joseph Skinner	1.00
"	23	Buff	" "	H. L. Dutton	1.00
"	24	Buff	" "	Otho L. Gant	1.00
"	25	Spot	" "	Elbridge Mansfield	1.00
"	26	Jack	" "	Constantine Hill	1.00
"	27	Fido	" "	John Clifton	1.00
"	28	Major	" "	Wm M. Ashby	1.00
"	29	Grip	" "	Martin Bird	1.00
"	30	Nigger	" "	Warren Center	1.00
"	31	Dimon	" "	John Gaffany	1.00
"	32	Zac Taylor	" "	Amasa Lane	1.00
"	33	Fido	" "	E. W. Kendrick	1.00
"	34	Hero	" "	Newell Reed	1.00
"	35	Watch	" "	Rodney Center	1.00
"	36	Fido	" "	L. P. Page	1.00
"	37	Carlo	" "	H. A. Stearns	1.00
"	13	Tiger	" "	J. E. Sanborn	1.00
"	17 & 18	Carlo & Jack	" "	H. P. Barker	2.00
					$ 40.00

A true record

Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

List of Dogs. Numbered & Licensed in the Town of Bedford 1860

No 2	Jack	owned	by	John A. Proctor	$1. 00
" 6	Rover	"	"	" " "	1. 00
" 3	Fido	"	"	John Clifton	1. 00
" 4	Spot	"	"	Charles P. Robbins	1. 00
" 5	Tiger	"	"	Moses F. Brown	1. 00
" 1	Tiger	"	"	Henry Wood	1. 00
" 7	Carlo	"	"	Thaddeus W. Davis	1. 00
" 8	Jack	"	"	Charles M. Butterfield	1. 00
" 9	Major	"	"	Thomas Stiles	1. 00
" 11	Tiger	"	"	Eldridge Merriam	1. 00
" 13	Buff	"	"	Hiram L. Dutton	1. 00
" 14	Bose	"	"	Joseph Hartwell 2	1. 00
" 15	Spot	"	"	George G. Butler (Female)	5. 00
" 27	Jack	"	"	Constantine Hill	1. 00
" 28	Major	"	"	William M. Ashby	1. 00
" 29	Tiger	"	"	Joseph Skinner	1. 00
" 34	Hero	"	"	Newell Reed	1. 00
					$21. 00

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Attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

List of Dogs Numbered & Licensed in Bedford 1863.

1863 May 1	No 1	Tiger	Owned by	Henry Wood	1 00
"	" 14	Bose	" "	Joseph Hartwell 2	1. 00
"	" 3	Tiger	" "	J. B. Stearns	1. 00
"	" 4	Pero	" "	Constantine Hill	1. 00
"	" 5	Spot	" "	C. T. Pierce	1. 00
"	" 6	Prince	" "	Wm M. Ashley	1. 00
"	" 7	Carlo	" "	J. H. Davis	1. 00
"	" 8	Prince	" "	J. T. Pierce	1. 00
"	" 12	Carlo	" "	Franklin Shaw	1. 00
"	" 13	Spot	" "	Joseph Hartwell	1 00
"	" 15	Spot (Female)	" "	George H. Barker	5, 00
"	" 16	Carlo	" "	Jacob Lang	1, 00
Sept 11	" 17	Ring	" "	Joel Mansfield	1, 00
"	" 18	Spot	" "	" "	1, 00
"	" 19	Kite	" "	Asaph Mansfield	1. 00
"	" 21	Spot	" "	Jonas E. Monroe	1. 00
"	" 22	Jack	" "	Henry W. Cutter	1. 00
12	" 23.	Beauty	" "	Peter Maguire	1, 00
14	" 24	Jess	" "	George H. Conant	1. 00
16	" 25	Shakespeare	H. A. Bacon &	Edward Merritt	1. 00
	" 9	Major	" "	Thomas Stiles	1. 00
					$ 25 00

A true Copy attest Thomas Stiles Town Clerk

Bedford May 8th 1848

This is to certify that we the undersigned Selectmen of the Town have this day at request of William A Putnam taken admeasurements of the bounds, ~~as described in a deed~~ by a Sycamore Tree near his house, as described in a Deed of Joshua Page (deceased) to the town, and find that the bound is forty six feet and six inches from the northeast corner of Thomas Stiles Store and twenty eight feet from the northeast corner of said Putnams Town house to the bound near the Tree as aforesaid

Thomas Stiles } Selectmen of Bedford

List of Dogs registered, numbered, described & licensed in the Town of Bedford for the year 1864

No 1	Name Jack	owned	by	Henry Wood	1.00
" 2	Frank	"	"	Edwin H. Blake	1.00
" 3	Peter	"	"	Peter McGuire	1.00
" 4	Spot	"	"	Charles T. Peirce	2.00
" 5	Carlow	"	"	John Clifton	2.00
" 6	Trip	"	"	Alex. H Kendrick	2.00
" 7	Carlow	"	"	Fredrick Davis	1.00
" 8	Tiger	"	"	William G. Hartwell	2.00
" 9	Major	"	"	Thomas Stiles	1.00
" 10	Jack	"	"	George H Smith	2.00
" 11	Tiger	"	"	Calvin Nourse	2.00
" 12	Dick	"	"	L. O. Barnard	2.00
uly 21st 13	Pedro	"	"	Constantine Hill	2.00
Aug 2. 14	Watch	"	"	Rodney Center	
" " 15	Tiger	"	"	Frank Frost	
" " 42	Carlow	"	"	Franklin Shaw	2.00
" " 17	Rover	"	"	Charles L Wait	2.00
" " 19		"	"	Elbrige B. Mansfield	2.00
" " 20	General	"	"	John R. Proctor	2.00
" " 21	Spot	"	"	Joel Mansfield	
" " 22	Charley	"	"	Charles T. Mansfield	

A true Copy Attest

William A Stearns Town Clerk

Boston 24th June 1830

To the Gent. Selectmen of the Town of Bedford
Sirs

With this I send you the late edition of Teals. Bible Folio, with engravings bound in english red Morocco, & Gilt, which if agreable you will please accept, for the use of the Pulpit in Bedford Meeting House, from your Most. Obt. Servt.

Jerh. Fitch

Copy by R Bacon

Bedford July 4th 1830

Mr Jeremiah Fitch Sir

Your letter of June 24th, with a handsome copy of Teals Bible, was duly received, and we hereby signify our acceptance of the same, for the purpose expressed, Permit us to tender to you our thanks for this renewed testimonial of your regard and affection, for your native Town, and to assure you that care shall be taken, that it long be preserved, as a precious monument of the Munificence of the donor.

Reuben Bacon
Amos Hartwell } Selectmen of Bedford
Joel Fitch

Copy
R Bacon Town Clerk